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Sunday's Services.

METHODIST CHURCH.

- 9 a. m. Conference love-feast led by A. E. Goodwyn.
11 a. m. Bishop E. R. Hendrix, D. D., with ordination of
deacons and elders.
7 p. m. Memorial session.

GERMAN METHODIST CHURCH.

- 11 a. m. Leon Sonfield.
7 p. m. E. L. Shettles.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

- 11 a. m. J. L. Massey.
7 p. m. W. D. Bradfield.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

- 11 a. m. W. M. Hayes.
7 p. m. G. E. Clothier.

CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

- 11 a. m. E. W. Solomon.
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PART I.

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Class.—George R. Ray, Willis E. Washburn, Giles C. Rector.

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Class.—Chas. U. McLarty, Ellie C. Keith.

Third Year.—O. T. Hotchkiss, H. M. Sears, Seth Ward.

Class.—Clyde B. Garrett, Marion L. Lindsey, Edmund A. Potts, Beverly W. Allen, Henry R. Kimbler, W. R. Campbell (L. E.), E. P. Newsom (L. D.), C. E. Simpson, J. W. Thompson, R. T. Blackburn, J. C. Stewart, M. F. Daniel (L. E.), E. M. Myers, J. L. Yeats.

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Class.—Ira B. Gordon, J. C. Moore, J. R. Murray, W. C. Bracewell, J. A. McIver.

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Curators Southwestern University.

A. E. Goodwyn, Seth Ward, E. W. Solomon, O. T. Hotchkiss, E. S. Smith.

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1898.—H. C. Brandt, T. A. Mercer, J. D. Campbell, A. W. Toland, A. E. Goodwyn, Jas. A. Pickens.

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PART II.

Proceedings.

*First Day, November 25, 1896.
Morning Session.*

FIFTY-SEVENTH SESSION.—The Texas Annual Conference of the M. E. Church, South, met in its fifty-seventh annual session in the Methodist Church in Bastrop, Texas, November 25th, 1896, at 9 o'clock a. m., Bishop E. R. Hendrix, D. D., in the chair.

Opening Service.—The Conference was opened with religious service, conducted by Bishop Hendrix, and in connection therewith the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was most impressively administered to a large number of communicants.

Roll-Call.—Seth Ward, secretary of the last session of the Conference, called the roll, and the following members were present: W. K. Turner, E. S. Smith, F. L. Allen, A. J. Anderson, J. M. Adams, C. H. Brooks, S. P. Brown, J. B. Cochran, C. L. Farrington, F. O. Favre, A. E. Goodwyn, T. B. Graves, J. E. Green, J. W. Harmon, H. T. Hart, H. M. Haynie, E. G. Hocutt, C. A. Hooper, J. W. Horn, O. T. Hotchkiss, D. H. Kotchkiss, J. W. Holt, W. W. Horner, J. W. Kelly, G. A. LeClere, J. C. Mickle, J. W. McMahan, S. H. Morgan, W. T. McDonald, J. L. Massey, J. A. McIver, G. H. Phair, G. C. Rankin, H. M. Sears, Jos. B. Sears, E. W. Solomon, W. Wootton, H. G. Williams, R. T. Woolsey, T. S. Williford, H. V. Philpott, Seth Ward, Ira M. Bryce, S. W. Thomas, G. E. Clothier, J. J. Callaway, T. R. Cain, E. L. Shettles, W. H. Brooks, J. P. Skinner, J. W. Cullen, James Kilgore, W. C. Bracewell, H. C. Willis, C. M. Thompson, R. W. Adams, J. B. Nutter, S. F. Chambers, J. L. Russell, B. J. Guess, J. R. Murray, E. M. Myers, C. E. Simpson, R. T. Blackburn, J. W. Thompson, J. C. Stewart, M. F. Daniel, Leon Sonfield, F. E. Hammond, E. A. Tabor, J. M. Crutchfield, E. P. Hamblen, John Ilfry, John Todd, A. P. Norman, A. H. Carter, J. M. Harrison, J. F. Sullivan, J. T. Kemp, J. D. Campbell, J. C. Crunk, W. W. Adickes, M. D. Cole, B. W. Burrows, T. J. Paine, J. D. Stell, I. N. Crouch.

At different times during the Conference, the following members, not at the roll-call, came in: W. F. Brinson, G. H. Collins, G. S. Sandel, J. C. Moore, H. B. Lockwood and J. E. Crawford.

The following preachers on trial were present at the roll-call: W. R. Campbell, C. B. Garrett, E. P. Newsom, M. L. Lindsey, E. A. Potts, B. W. Allen, H. R. Kimbler, Chas. U. McLarty, E. C. Keith, George Southwell.

Organization.—Seth Ward was elected Secretary, with D. H. Hotchkiss and Chas. A. Hooper as assistants, and James Kilgore as Statistical Secretary.

Hours.—On motion of H. M. Sears the hours for meeting and adjournment were ordered as follows: Meet at 9 a. m. and adjourn at 12 m.

Committees.—The committees were nominated and elected. (See Part I.)

Bar.—The bar of the Conference was fixed as the line joining the far sides of the third windows from the pulpit.

Ques. 6. *Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?* W. W. Horner, from the North Texas; W. D. Gaskins, from the Louisiana, and W. D. Bradfield, from the Northwest Texas. These brethren were—

Introductions.—Introduced to the Conference, together with Rev. Jewell Howard, pastor of the Christian Church in Bastrop, and Rev. J. W. Bain, D. D., of the Indiana Conference of the M. E. Church.

Board of Education.—On motion of A. E. Goodwyn, W. D. Bradfield, E. P. Newsom and T. J. Paine were added to the Board of Education.

Alternate Delegates.—A. M. Hill and H. C. Pritchett, alternate delegates, were recognized in place of J. A. Hall and M. Ingram, principals.

Communications.—Various communications were read and referred to committees, from Southwestern University; Barbee & Smith, book agents; Dr. James Atkins, Sunday School Editor; Dr. David Morton, Secretary of Church Extension; Dr. R. J. Bigham, General Secretary of Education; Dr. S. A. Steel, Epworth League Secretary.

Thanksgiving Day Service.—On motion of Dr. H. V. Philpott, the Conference ordered that 11 o'clock to-morrow be set apart for Thanksgiving service, the services to be arranged for by the Committee on Public Worship.

Dr. I. G. John.—A communication from Dr. I. G. John was read.

Semi-Centennial Sermon.—On motion of H. M. Sears, the Conference sends loving greetings to Dr. John, and an earnest invitation to preach a semi-centennial sermon at the next annual session of our Conference, and in the event of his inability to be with us, that he send us such written address as he may see fit.

Ques. 20 was called. The names of Seth Ward, J. B. Sears, J. C. Mickle, J. B. Cochran and Weems Wootton were called, they made report of their work, and their characters were passed.

Ques. 1.—*Who are admitted on trial?* George R. Ray, from Georgetown District; W. E. Washburn and George W. Davis, from Brenham District.

Ques. 2.—*Who remain on trial?* Chas. U. McLarty, E. C. Keith and George Southwell were called, their reports were read, and having passed approved examinations in their studies, they were continued on trial and advanced to class of second year.

Editor of Minutes.—On motion of Seth Ward, D. H. Hotchkiss was elected editor of the Conference minutes for the remainder of this quadrennium, and the Joint Board of Finance was directed to assess the several funds of the Conference for \$110.00 for the publication of the minutes.

Ques. 5.—(See condensed minutes.)

Ques. 8.—*What traveling preachers are elected deacons?* The name of E. P. Newsom was called. The committee reported an approved examination. He read his report, and in connection therewith made a statement in explanation of his action in receiving W. Wimberly, recently expelled from the ministry and membership of the church, again into church membership. Pending discussion elicited by this statement, the time was extended. Bro. Newsom being a deacon, there was no vote in his case.

Afternoon session ordered.—It was ordered by the Conference, that when it adjourn, it be to meet at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon.

Adjournment.—After various announcements, Conference adjourned with the benediction by the Bishop.

First Day, November 25, 1896.

Afternoon Session.

Opening.—Conference met at 2:30 p. m. Bishop Hendrix in the chair.

Devotions.—Devotional exercises were conducted by W. Wootton.

Minutes.—The minutes of the morning session were read and corrected.

E. P. Newsom.—Bro. E. P. Newsom made a statement to the Conference in explanation of some remarks made by him during the morning session.

Communications from W. B. Rankin, D. D., of the American Bible Society, and Drs. H. C. Morrison and W. R. Lambuth, General Secretaries of the Board of Missions, were read and referred. Communications from the Joint Board of Publication for the *Texas Christian Advocate*, and from the American Anti-Saloon League, were referred to committees without reading.

Direct tax collected.—A paper from Bro. Ben E. McCulloch was read. (See Part IV.) The secretary was instructed to return to Bro. McCulloch the thanks of the Conference for the faithful discharge of his duty in the matter.

Ques. 3 was called and answered; R. L. Williams, at his own request.

Ques. 8.—*What traveling preachers are elected deacons?* C. B. Garrett, M. L. Lindsey, E. A. Potts, B. W. Allen, H. R. Kimbler. W. R. Campbell is already a deacon.

Admission into full connection.—The bishop announced that the reception of preachers into full connection would be the order of the day Friday morning at 11 o'clock.

Ques. 12.—*What traveling preachers are elected elders?* James Kilgore, H. C. Willis, C. M. Thompson, R. W. Adams, J. J. Callaway were called, they read their reports, and upon favorable report from the Committee of Examination, they were elected to elders' orders. Ira B. Gordon was called. He was not present, and had not been before the Committee. His character passed, and he was continued in the class of the fourth year. J. R. Murray was called. He read his report. He had passed satisfactory examinations in classes of third and fourth years, but having been a traveling deacon only one year, was not eligible to elders' orders.

Ques. 20 was called.—The names of G. C. Rankin, J. W. Horn, S. W. Thomas, C. A. Hooper, O. T. Hotchkiss, Leon Sonfield and T. B. Graves were called. They read their reports, and their characters were passed. C. R. Lamar was called—being absent, his presiding elder represented him, and his character passed.

Adjournment.—After various announcements, the Conference adjourned with the benediction by the Bishop.

Second Day, November 26, 1896.

Opening.—The Conference met at 9 o'clock a. m.; Bishop Hendrix in the chair.

Worship.—Devotional exercises were conducted by Dr. H. V. Philpott.

Minutes.—The minutes of the former session were read and approved.

Credentials surrendered.—The credentials of J. W. Brazzleton, as deacon and elder in the M. E. Church, South, were surrendered to the Conference.

“Educational Anniversary.”—A resolution from the Board of Education, asking that the Conference set apart a suitable evening for holding an “Educational Anniversary,” was adopted.

Ques. 7.—*Who are the deacons of one year?* The names of C. E. Simpson, J. W. Thompson, R. T. Blackburn, J. C. Stewart and J. L. Yeats were called; their reports made and their characters passed, but not having been before the Committee of Examination, were continued in the class of the third year. The names of E. M. Myers and M. F. Daniel were called. They read their reports, and their characters were passed, but not having stood an approved examination before the Committee, they were continued in the class of the third year. W. C. Bracewell and J. A. McIver read their reports; their characters were passed. The Committee reported that they had passed an approved examination, and they were advanced to the class of the fourth year.

Ques. 10.—(See condensed minutes.)

Ques. 14.—(See condensed minutes.)

Report of Editor.—D. H. Hotchkiss, editor of our Conference minutes, made a report. (See part IV.)

Communication.—A communication from the Directors of the Texas Methodist Orphanage was referred to the Committee on Orphanage. Dr. A. M. Hill was added to that committee.

Ques. 20 resumed.—The names of F. A. McShan, D. H. Linebough, J. H. Davidson, J. M. Wesson, Wesley Smith, W. K. Turner, W. G. Nelms, G. Powledge and G. C. Stovall were called. Communications from brothers Linebaugh and Wesson were read. The characters of all these brethren were passed, and their names referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for the superannuated relation. The name of E. S. Smith was called, and his character was passed.

Introductions.—Dr. J. H. McLean, Regent S. W. University; Dr. W. M. Hayes, Financial Agent S. W. U.; Dr. W. B. Rankin, District Superintendent Am. B. Society; Rev. W. H. Vaughan, Manager Texas Methodist Orphanage, and Rev. A. T. Osbron, a transfer from St. Louis Conference, were introduced to the Conference.

Dr. E. S. Smith in the chair.—At the request of Bishop Hendrix, Dr. E. S. Smith took the chair.

Addresses.—Rev. W. H. Vaughan and Dr. W. B. Rankin addressed the Conference on the interests represented by them.

Adjournment.—After various announcements, the Conference adjourned, the Thanksgiving service following with a sermon by Bishop Hendrix.

Third Day, November 27, 1896.

Morning Session.

Opening.—Conference met at 9 a. m.; Bishop Hendrix presiding.

Worship.—Opening service was conducted by O. T. Hotchkiss.

Minutes.—The minutes of the former session were read and approved.

Communication.—A communication from Mrs. R. K. Hargrove, of the General Board of the W. P. and H. M. Society, was read and referred to the Conference Board of Church Extension.

Mrs. S. S. Park.—Mrs. S. S. Park, Conference Secretary of the W. F. M. Society, was introduced, and briefly addressed the Conference on the work of that society during the year. Bishop Hendrix supplemented and emphasized the remarks of Mrs. Park.

Introduction.—Rev. D. F. C. Timmons, of the East Texas Conference, was introduced to the Conference.

Ques. 3.—Who are discontinued? George Southwell, at his own request.

Ques. 20 resumed.—The names of J. W. McMahon, J. M. Adams, James Crutchfield, Ira M. Bryce, R. T. Woolsey, A. J. Anderson, E. W. Solomon, E. L. Shettles, E. G. Hocutt, S. H. Morgan, C. H. Brooks, H. M. Sears, J. E. Green, D. H. Hotchkiss, T. R. Cain, J. W. Holt, S. F. Chambers and J. W. Harmon were called, their reports were made, and their characters were passed.

Report Board of Education.—Dr. A. E. Goodwyn read the report of the Conference Board of Education. Pending its

adoption, Dr. J. H. McLean and Dr. W. M. Hayes, of S. W. University, and Prof. L. F. Smith, President of Chappell Hill Female College, addressed the Conference. That part of the report relating to the Southwestern University was adopted. The remainder was laid on the table until the next session.

Admitted into full connection.—The Bishop then called Question 4, Who are received into full connection? Ernest P. Newsom, W. R. Campbell, C. B. Garrett, M. L. Lindsey, B. W. Allen, E. A. Potts and H. R. Kimbler were addressed by the Bishop, and after answering the disciplinary questions, were admitted into full connection.

Preachers' Aid Board.—On motion of A. E. Goodwyn, T. B. Graves was added to the Preachers' Aid Board in place of Dr. G. C. Rankin, and H. M. Haynie in place of brother C. M. Keith, deceased.

Night Session.—On motion of D. H. Hotchkiss, it was agreed that when the Conference adjourn it be to meet at 7 o'clock p. m. in the opera house.

Adjournment.—After various announcements, Conference adjourned with the benediction by brother C. H. Brooks.

Third Day, November 27, 1896.

Night Session.

Opening.—Conference met in the opera house at 7 o'clock p. m. Bishop Hendrix in the chair.

Worship.—Devotional exercises were led by H. C. Pritchett.

Report Board of Missions.—Report No. 1 of the Board of Missions was read and adopted.

Missionary Address.—Bishop Hendrix then delivered the anniversary address on Missions—a most profound and impressive address.

Collection.—A collection was taken amounting to \$57.25.

Adjournment.—The Conference then adjourned with the benediction by the Bishop.

Fourth Day, November 28, 1896.

Morning Session.

Opening.—The conference met at 9 o'clock a. m., the Bishop in the chair.

Devotions.—The devotional exercises were conducted by Bro. I. Z. T. Morris.

Minutes.—Minutes of former sessions were read and approved.

Ques. 6 was called and answered; R. J. Briggs, from the Pacific Conference, and A. T. Osbron, from the St. Louis Conference.

Ques. 20 resumed.—The names of W. H. Brooks, J. W. Kelly, G. A. LeClere, E. A. Tabor, H. T. Hart, J. P. Skinner, F. E. Hammond, T. S. Williford, J. W. Cullen, J. L. Russell, S. P. Brown, C. L. Farrington, G. H. Phair, W. W. Horner, H. G. Williams, L. P. Davis, A. E. Goodwyn, H. M. Haynie, F. L. Allen, W. F. Brinson, F. O. Favre, J. L. Massey, W. T. McDonald, G. E. Clothier, G. H. Collins, J. B. Nutter, G. S. Sandel and I. G. John were called, their reports were made, and their characters were passed.

Ques. 4 was recalled.—J. W. Bain, a traveling elder in the Indiana Conference of the M. E. church, was received into full connection, and his orders were recognized.

Ques. 8 was called.—J. C. Moore read his report, his character was passed, but not having been before the committee for examination, he was continued in the class of the fourth year.

Geo. W. Davis.—On a motion of Dr. E. S. Smith, the vote by which George W. Davis was admitted on trial, was reconsidered, and his application was withdrawn in order that he might attend school. One hundred and thirty-five dollars were raised to assist him.

Ques. 1 was recalled.—G. C. Rector, duly recommended by the Nashville District Conference of the Tennessee Conference was admitted on trial.

Ques. 40 was called.—Bryan was unanimously elected.

Report.—The report of the Board of Education was taken from the table. Dr. W. M. Hayes, financial agent for S. W. University, spoke to the Conference of the financial condition of our University, and of the prospects of a new building.

Amendment.—C. H. Brooks offered an amendment to the report, to the effect that one-half the amount raised for education be paid to Chappell Hill Female College. The amendment was tabled.

Amendment.—Seth Ward moved that the report be amended so as to make the educational assessment \$1,200.00, all to be paid to Southwestern University. The amendment was not adopted.

The vote recurring on the report, it was adopted.

Committee of Second Year.—On motion of W. Wootton, J. L. Massey was added to the Committee of Examination for the second year in place of Dr. G. C. Rankin, who has transferred from us.

Report Preachers' Aid Board.—Dr. A. E. Goodwyn read the report of the Preachers' Aid Board.

Time extended.—On motion, the time for adjournment was extended to hear the report of the Committee on Epworth League.

Report of Epworth League Committee.—E. W. Solomon read the report of the committee.

Amendment by C. A. Hooper was tabled by a vote of 37 to 35.

Amendment.—An amendment offered by H. C. Pritchett was adopted.

Amendment.—On motion of W. D. Bradfield, all reference in the report to the discontinuance of District, State and Annual Conference League Conferences was stricken out. The amendment prevailed, and the report as amended was adopted.

Memorial session ordered.—On motion of E. W. Solomon, the Conference agreed that when it adjourn it be to meet in Memorial session, Sunday evening at 7 o'clock.

Epworth League Report.—The vote by which the report on Epworth Leagues was adopted was reconsidered, and the report was then recommitted. G. C. Rector and J. R. Murray were added to the Epworth League Committee.

Adjournment.—After various announcements, the Conference adjourned, with the benediction by Bro. G. S. Sandel.

Sunday, November 29, 1896.

Memorial Session.

Opening.—The Conference met in Memorial session Sunday evening at 7 o'clock, Bishop Hendrix presiding.

Worship.—The devotional exercises were conducted by Bro. J. W. Bain. In response to

Ques. 19, What preachers have died this year? the Committee on Memoirs read the memoir of Bro. C. M. Keith. (See Part V.) A number of brethren spoke in great love and tenderness of our departed brother.

Adopted.—The report was then adopted, and the Conference adjourned with the benediction by Bishop Hendrix.

Sixth Day, November 30, 1896.

Final Session.

Opening.—At 9 o'clock a. m. Bishop Hendrix called the Conference to order.

Worship.—The morning worship was led by G. A. LeClere.

Minutes.—Minutes of former session were read and approved.

Bishop Hendrix submitted a certificate of ordinations and answered the following disciplinary questions:

Ques. 9.—See condensed minutes.

Ques. 11.—See condensed minutes.

Ques. 13.—See condensed minutes.

Soule University.—The report of the special committee appointed at the last session of our Conference to inquire into the legal status of the property of Soule University was read, and after discussion the report was tabled by a vote of 28 to 27.

Question 20 resumed.—The name of H. V. Philpott was called, he made his report, his character was passed, and at his request his name was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for the superannuated relation.

A. T. Osbron.—On motion of J. B. Sears, the Conference requested the appointment of A. T. Osbron to an institution of learning.

Epworth League Report.—Leon Sonfield read the report of the Committee on Epworth Leagues, and the report was adopted.

Vacancies filled.—On motion of J. B. Sears, James Kilgore was added to the Board of Missions in place of G. C. Rankin, and T. S. Williford was added to Committee of Examination for second year, in place of C. R. Lamar.

Report of Sunday-School Board.—J. E. Crawford read the report of the Sunday-School Board, and D. N. Harris read report of Treasurer of Sunday-School Board. (See Part IV.)

Books and Periodicals.—B. J. Guess read the report of the Committee on Books and Periodicals. Dr. T. R. Pierce, editor of the Texas Christian Advocate, briefly addressed the Conference. The report was adopted.

Colportage.—S. W. Thomas read the report of the Board of Colportage, and the report was adopted.

Church Extension.—H. C. Willis read the report of the Board of Church Extension. In connection with this, Mrs. F. L. Allen, Conference President of the W. P. and H. M. S., made her report. Bishop Hendrix spoke of the vital importance of mission work and of the oneness of the home and foreign field.

Conference Relations.—J. L. Massey read the report of the Committee on Conference relations and answered—

Ques. 17.—(See condensed minutes.)

Ques. 18.—(See condensed minutes.)

Committee of First Year.—Weems Wootton was added to the Committee of Examination for class of first year in place of G. C. Stovall.

Statistics.—The Statistical secretary read his report, answering

Ques. 21 to 39.—(See condensed minutes.)

Joint Board of Finance.—Chas. A. Hooper read the report of the Joint Board of Finance. Resolution offered by board was adopted. The funds were then disbursed as indicated in report. (See Part IV.)

Orphanage.—J. A. McIver read report of the Orphanage Committee, and the report was adopted.

Temperance.—R. T. Woolsey read the report on Temperance, which was amended and adopted. (See Part IV.)

District Conference Records.—The report of the Committee on District Conference Records was read by A. P. Norman, and was adopted.

The Joint Board of Finance and the Visting Committees for 1897 were announced by the Bishop. (See Part I.)

Curator S. W. U.—Dr. E. S. Smith was appointed Curator of Southwestern University in place of G. C. Rankin.

Conference Secretary of Education.—On motion of Seth Ward, H. C. Pritchett was elected Conference Secretary of Education.

Resolutions.—Resolutions courteous were read by E. W. Solomon, tendering thanks to citizens, churches, railroads and banks for kindnesses, and they were adopted by rising vote.

Minutes.—The minutes were read and approved.

Song.—A hymn was sung by J. E. Green, O. T. and D. H. Hotchkiss.

Prayer.—Rev. H. M. Sears offered prayer.

Ques. 40.—Where are the preachers stationed this year?

After some remarks by the Bishop, the appointments were announced. (See Part III.)

Adjournment.—After singing the doxology, the Conference adjourned sine die, Bishop Hendrix pronouncing the benediction.

PART III.

Condensed Minutes—1896.

1. Who are admitted on trial? George R. Ray, Willis E. Washburn, Giles Carroll Rector.
2. Who remain on trial? Chas. U. McLarty, Ellie C. Keith.
3. Who are discontinued? R. L. Williams, Geo. Southwell, at their own requests.
4. Who are admitted into full connection? Ernest P. Newsom, W. R. Campbell, C. B. Garrett, M. L. Lindsay, B. W. Allen, E. A. Potts, Beverly Whipple Allen, Henry Randolph Kimbler, and John W. Bain, a traveling elder of the M. E. Church.
5. Who are re-admitted? None.
6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences? W. D. Bradfield, W. D. Gaskins, A. T. Osbron, W. W. Horner, R. J. Briggs.
7. Who are the deacons of one year? C. E. Simpson, J. W. Thompson, R. T. Blackburn, J. C. Stewart, E. M. Myers and J. L. Yeats (continued in class of third year), and W. C. Bracewell and J. A. McIver (in fourth year's class).
8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? Clyde Barbee Garrett, Marion Lee Lindsey, Edmund Augustus Potts, Beverly Whipple Allen, Henry Randolph Kimbler.
9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? Clyde Barbee Garrett, Marion Lee Lindsey, Edmund Augustus Potts, Beverly Whipple Allen, Henry Randolph Kimbler.
10. What local preachers are elected deacons? Zachariah Payne, John H. Styner, William Bradburn, John B. Poteet, Willis E. Washburn.
11. What local preachers are ordained deacons? Zachariah Payne, John H. Styner, William Bradburn, Willis English Washburn.

12. What traveling preachers are elected elders? James Kilgore, Herbert Clifton Willis, Columbus McDonald Thompson, Robert Warren Adams, John James Callaway.

13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? James Kilgore, Hubert Clifton Willis, Columbus McDonald Thompson, Robert Warren Adams, John James Callaway.

14. What local preachers are elected elders? None.

15. What local preachers are ordained elders? None.

16. Who are located this year? None.

17. Who are supernumerary? None.

18. Who are superannuated? F. A. McShan, D. H. Linebaugh, T. W. Blake, John H. Davidson, James M. Wesson, Wesley Smith, W. K. Turner, W. G. Nelms, Gideon Powledge, George C. Stovall, H. V. Philpott.

19. What preachers have died during the past year? C. M. Keith.

20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? The names of all were called, their reports were made, and their characters passed.

21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations and missions of the Conference? Local preachers, 90; members, 22,544.

22. How many infants have been baptized during the year? 752.

23. How many adults have been baptized during the year? 1113.

24. What is the number of Epworth Leagues? 72.

25. What is the number of Epworth League members? 2532.

26. What is the number of Sunday-schools? 184.

27. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers? 1428.

28. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars? 11,411.

29. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of the preachers? An amount equal to 8 per cent on assessed salaries of preachers in charge.

30. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? \$4230.99.

31. What has been contributed for missions? Foreign, \$4343.85; domestic, \$3191.78; special, \$482.50.

32. What has been contributed for Church Extension? \$1210.60.

33. What has been done for the American Bible Society? Collected \$110.00.

34. What has been contributed for the support of presiding elders and preachers in charge? Presiding elders, \$7312.13; preachers in charge, \$48,517.52.

35. What has been contributed for the support of bishops? \$967.40.

36. What is the number of societies, and the number and estimated value of church edifices? Number of societies, 264; Number of church edifices, 190; value, \$358,001.00.

37. What is the number of pastoral charges, and the number and value of parsonages owned by them? Number of parsonages, 70; value, \$70,894.00.

38. What is the number and value of district parsonages? Number of district parsonages, 1; value, \$1100.00.

39. What are the educational statistics? 1 male and female school, "Southwestern University" with "annex." Property valued at \$100,000.00. Number of teachers and professors, 19; male pupils, 240; female pupils, 116.

Chappell Hill Female College, teachers, 8; female pupils, 60; males, 50; property, \$12,000.00.

40. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? Bryan.

41. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See appointments.

Appointments for 1897.

Houston District.

PRESIDING ELDER—O. T. HOTCHKISS.

Houston—Shearn Church, Seth Ward.
 Tabernacle, Jos. B. Sears.
 Washington Street, J. W. Horn.
 McKee Street, S. W. Thomas.
 City Mission, C. A. Hooper.

Galveston—St. Johns, W. D. Bradfield.
 St. James, Leon Sonfield.
 West End, T. B. Graves.

Richmond, Ira M. Bryce.	Dickinson, L. P. Davis.
Alvin, J. M. Adams.	Matagorda, J. J. Callaway.
Columbia and Brazoria, T. S.	Cedar Bayou, J. R. Murray.
Williford.	Rosenberg, J. C. Stewart.
Wharton, W. R. Campbell.	Patterson, B. J. Guess.
Angleton, C. M. Thompson.	Missionary Secretary, J. B. Sears.

Austin District.

PRESIDING ELDER—H. M. SEARS.

Austin—Tenth Street, R. J. Briggs.
 Hotchkiss Memorial, E. S. Smith.
 First Street, E. G. Hocutt.

Merrilltown, W. D. Gaskins.	Manchaca, J. W. Kelley.
Manor, G. C. Rector.	Webberville, S. H. Morgan.
Elgin, C. H. Brooks.	McDade, T. R. Cain.
Bastrop, D. H. Hotchkiss.	Cedar Creek, B. W. Allen.
Smithville, R. T. Blackburn.	Winchester, R. T. Woolsey.
LaGrange, John E. Green.	Columbus, S. F. Chambers.
Eagle Lake, E. C. Keith.	Weimar and Osage, J. W. Holt.
Flatonina, A. E. Goodwyn.	Student in Southwestern University, A. T. Osbron.

Brenham District.

PRESIDING ELDER—J. C. MICKLE.

Brenham, E. P. Newsom.	Chappell Hill, F. E. Hammond.
Giddings, W. H. Brooks,	Lyons, W. C. Bracewell.

Cameron Station, Geo. A. LeClere.	Cameron Circuit, J. W. Cullen.
Ben Arnold, Geo. R. Ray.	Davilla, J. C. Moore.
Lexington, H. T. Hart.	Rockdale, F. L. Allen.
Caldwell, H. C. Willis.	Bellville, J. P. Skinner.
Maysfield, J. L. Russell.	Deanville, E. A. Potts.
Pleasant Hill, M. F. Daniel.	Milano, S. P. Brown.
	Sealy, C. L. Farrington.

Calvert District.

PRESIDING ELDER—J. B. COCHRAN.

Calvert, Jas. Kilgore.	Marlin, E. W. Solomon.
Bremond and Reagan, J. W. Harmon.	Stranger and Harmony, to be supplied.
Kosse and Alto, H. M. Haynie.	Chilton and Lott, C. E. Simpson.
Durango, J. W. Thompson.	Rosebud, J. M. Crutchfield.
Fairfield, F. O. Favre.	Personville, W. E. Washburn.
Hearne and Wheelock, Geo. H. Phair.	Franklin, J. W. McMahan.
Rogers Prairie, J. L. Yeats.	Mt. Vernon, M. L. Lindsey.
Centreville, H. G. Williams.	Jewett, W. F. Brinson.
Petteway, supplied by J. O. Jordan.	Buffalo and Oakwoods, C. B. Garrett.

Huntsville District.

PRESIDING ELDER—W. WOOTTON.

Huntsville Station, J. L. Massey.	Madisonville, W. W. Horner.
Anderson, W. T. McDonald.	Prairie Plains, J. A. McIver.
Navasota, G. H. Collins.	Zion, I. B. Gordon.
Courtney and Plantersville, Charles U. McLarty.	Hempstead and Waller, E. L. Shettles.
Hockley, H. R. Kimbler.	Bryan, G. E. Clothier.
Conroe and Montgomery, J. B. Nutter.	Millican, G. S. Sandel.
Dodge, E. M. Myers.	Willis, R. W. Adams.
	Cold Springs, A. J. Anderson.
	Editor Missionary Review, I. G. John.

TRANSFERRED.—E. A. Tabor, to the Little Rock Conference; John W. Bain, to Pacific Conference, and stationed at Salinas; G. C. Rankin, to North Texas Conference, and stationed at First Church, Dallas; C. R. Lamar, to Pacific Conference, and stationed at San Jose, Cal.

PART IV.

Reports and Resolutions.

Report on Education.

SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.—We gladly note the continued prosperity of our great central institution—especially are we pleased to learn of the gracious and widespread revival of religion that has visited the University during the past year, resulting in the conversion and addition to the church of nearly two hundred young men and women. The enrollment of 473 students was an advance of forty-one over the preceding session, 319 of these were young men, and 154 were young ladies, with 19 professors and teachers.

The institution is practically out of debt, with property in buildings, lands and outfit amounting to about \$100,000, and independently of this the financial agent reports in lands, notes, etc., \$37,000 for the purpose of erecting a main university building.

We learn from the Curators' report that "the Giddings Hall is wisely and economically administered by Prof. C. C. Cody and wife, and has furnished board to seventy-three students at a cost of ten dollars per calendar month, and about seventy-five per cent of the number benefited by this cheaper board were young preachers and the sons of itinerant ministers. It is proposed to reduce this to nine dollars and fifty cents per month, provided it is paid in advance. The loan fund has been of value to a number of young preachers in prosecuting their studies; about one thousand dollars having been so used.

We deeply regret to learn that the lack of a loan fund at this time has prevented the return of a score or more of young preachers; and especially that four ministers in the graduating class were compelled to retire for lack of the small sum of one hundred dollars each.

We earnestly urge the importance and necessity of strengthening and sustaining the loan fund, that needed aid may be ex-

tended to worthy young men preparing for the ministry. We recommend that the amount received by us from the Sunday-school board be appropriated to the loan fund of the Southwestern University.

The Ladies Annex, under the efficient management of Rev. John R. Allen, has resulted satisfactorily in affording the highest intellectual culture to our girls under the best religious and social conditions.

CHAPPELL HILL FEMALE COLLEGE.—This school is still under the management of Prof. Landon F. Smith, with an efficient corps of teachers. The enrollment for the past year was 110—50 male and 60 female. Of these about 70 received the benefit of the public school fund, being in the preparatory department, while there were 40 in the collegiate department. The debt upon this property has been reduced to \$1538.00, there having been paid \$262.00, together with interest on the debt, since last report.

We recommend that the Bishop appoint a suitable person to the office of Secretary of Education.

We desire to call special attention to Childrens' Day, and urge upon pastors its faithful observance, inasmuch as the General Conference has made it an aid to the work of education as well as to the Sunday-school work.

The amount assessed by the General Board upon this Conference is \$184.80.

We recommend the assessment of \$250.00 for Payne and Lane Institutes.

We recommend that the educational assessment be, as in past years, \$1500.00, and that it be divided as follows: Three-fourths to Southwestern University and one-fourth to Chappell Hill Female College.

The educational collection for this year is \$918.43, less \$12.43 paid for printing minutes, leaving \$906.00, which has been divided as follows: Southwestern University 679.50, Chappell Hill Female College \$226.50. We have collected for Payne and Lane Institutes this year \$128.80, less \$3.80, paid for printing minutes, leaving \$125.00. We have collected for General Board of Education this year \$56.02, less \$4.02, paid for printing minutes, leaving \$52.00, together with \$10.10, received from the Sunday-School Board, being ten per cent. of collection on Childrens' Day. Paid R. J. Bigham \$62.10.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. GOODWYN, President.

JOHN E. CRAWFORD, Secretary.

Books and Periodicals.

To the Presiding Bishop and Members of the Texas Annual Conference:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your Committee on Books and Periodicals respectfully submit that we have had before us reports from the Publishing House and the Joint Board of Publication of the *Texas Christian Advocate*.

The Publishing House reports gratifying progress during the past year. Notwithstanding the general financial stringency through which we are passing, the business of the House remains unimpaired. The report continues its appeal for an increased circulation of the *Christian Advocate*. We hope this appeal will be heeded. The paper is eminently meritorious.

Our Sunday-school literature has reached the standard work of excellency, and its circulation should be zealously encouraged by pastor and people. Four additional libraries have been furnished this department during the past year, consisting of approved and appropriate literature. Our Sunday-schools will be greatly benefited by their use.

We commend the *Epworth Era*, and urge Leaguers every where to sustain the paper.

The *Review of Missions* has our hearty endorsement, and as a means of awakening a deeper interest in the course of missions we should become more active in our efforts to circulate it among the laity of the church.

The *Methodist Review* holds a distinct place in the literature of the church. Its merit is recognized at home and abroad but it is not supported as it deserves to be. Let us not forget the claims of the *Review*.

In addition to its own publications the Publishing House can furnish the reader with any book in print. We urge therefore, that first of all our pastors and people patronize our own House, if not directly, then through the colporter representing the same.

We have only words of hearty commendation for our own *Texas Christian Advocate*. The paper was never more ably edited, and skillfully managed than it now is. Your committee solicits an increased interest on the part of the pastors in the circulation of the *Advocate* whose possibilities for good are so great.

Respectfully submitted,

B. J. GUESS, Chairman.

F. E. HAMMOND, Secretary.

Report of Colportage Board.

To the Bishop and Members of the Texas Conference.

DEAR BRETHREN:—Feeling the necessity of a larger distribution of the books and publications of our Publishing House, we, your Colportage Board, recommend that the Rev. I. Z. T. Morris, colporter of the Northwest Texas Conference, be invited to travel in the pastoral charges within the bounds of this Conference for the purpose of supplying our Sunday-schools, Epworth Leagues, and people in general, with our books. We further recommend that in ordering Sunday-school supplies, preference be given to Rev. I. Z. T. Morris whenever practicable. Respectfully,

S. W. THOMAS, Chairman.

Epworth League.

To the Bishop and Members of the Texas Conference:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—Your Committee on Epworth League beg leave to submit the following report:

We have seventy-two leagues in the Conference, with a membership of two thousand five hundred and thirty-two, making an increase over last year of eleven leagues, and four hundred and thirty-two members. The Epworth League movement must be looked upon as one of the greatest, if not the greatest, of the recent movements of the church. The meeting of the young men and women, and of the boys and girls of the church, for the greater utilization of these enthusiastic forces, in the work of the church as well as for their own better development, for the great work of life, the service of the Master, can only be looked upon with favor and encouragement.

In the three several departments of its activity, its work is well planed and splendidly correlated. Each is important, neither is secondary. They are co-ordinate. While one department seeks in the highest and best possible degree to develop, enlarge and ennoble Christian experience, the other would lead the lives out along those altruistic lines that are marked by the foot of our Lord himself, while in the other the intellectual culture, real and true, rather than literary dissipation, is set before the minds of our young people in such light as to bring them to the highest development of noble man and womanhood.

The work already done by the League justifies the belief expressed by others, that it is superior to all other young people's societies for young Methodists. Much has already been accom-

plished, but we feel that much of what has been done in carrying on its work has been tentatively done, and that better and more definite plans may and should be adopted in furthering the great work before this department of church activity.

The League work is not different from the church work. The League work, all of it, is the church work, and care should be taken, always, and everywhere, to make this fact prominent. The tendency to regard the work of the League as in any way different from the work of the church, or as even separate from it, we look upon as fraught with so much danger as to make it obligatory upon all to do everything in their power to set aside and destroy.

We believe further that it is unwise for the Leagues, as such, to undertake missionary or other work, excepting, of course, that already projected, only in connection with the regular channels of church activity. Such things tend to become side issues, and to divert, if not to dissipate the energies, and divide the forces of the church.

We feel called upon to stress the idea that the work of the League is only legitimate when it is the work of the church, and is so considered.

Respectfully submitted,

E. W. SOLOMON, Chairman.

Report of the Committee on the Bible Cause.

Your Committee on the Bible Cause has examined the papers and reports of the work of the American Bible Society, and its agents in the field. We are glad to report that the work has been prosecuted with commendable zeal.

We have received this year \$110.00. Last year there was paid \$111.40.

There were forty charges heard from last year. This year thirty-seven charges have reported.

We regret to find that after the Conference had pledged itself by resolution to take collections, that more than one-half have neglected this.

A. J. ANDERSON, President.

J. W. KELLY, Secretary.

Report of the Committee on Orphanage.

To the Bishop and Members of the Texas Annual Conference:

Your Committee on Orphanage beg leave to submit the following report:

With pleasure we are able to report that the orphan home at Waco is increasing in prosperity. There are 64 orphan children under the care of the home. Forty-three are in the home, while 21 are entrusted to the care of selected Christian families, and all necessary provision has been made for their physical, intellectual and spiritual interests.

Eighteen of them have professed faith in Christ and joined our church.

The encouraging information has been tendered us that if the business manager can collect all the pledges made the home, the Board of Directors can finish paying for the property some time this winter.

Fifteen thousand dollars shall then have been spent for this valuable home.

The current expenses of the home can be met by the full payment of the assessments made on the several annual Conferences to which it belongs. We are sorry to say, however, that the assessment on our own Conference has not yet been fully paid.

We heartily endorse the action of the Board of Directors in the re-election of Rev. W. H. Vaughan as business manager.

We recommend the assessment of \$600.00 on this Conference for the current expenses of the home, to be apportioned by the Joint Board of Finance, to the various districts of the Conference.

In harmony with the Board of Directors, we recommend the appointment by the pastor of a discreet committee, whose duty it shall be to see:

1st. If there be any orphan children who need the help of the home.

2nd. To secure funds in cash, clothing, and such other things as may be useful to the home.

Respectfully submitted,

S. W. THOMAS, Chairman.

J. A. McIVER, Secretary.

Report of Committee on District Conference Records.

BASTROP, Nov. 27, 1896.

To the Bishop and Members of the Texas Annual Conference:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your committee appointed to examine the District Conference Records, herewith submit the following report:

HOUSTON DISTRICT.

We find the records well kept, writing clean and distinct, no grammatical errors, pages clean and almost free from blots and erasions.

AUSTIN DISTRICT.

We commend the record of this District, as being on the whole, well kept. The book is conveniently indexed. We note the omission of the date, at the commencement of the record, and the use of some abbreviations, that do not clearly define their meaning.

HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT.

Records show a carelessness in punctuation, pages of book badly blotted, and as a whole, by no means well kept. In one instance where reference is made to Chappell Hill Female College, the word "Female" is omitted.

BRENHAM DISTRICT.

Record shows a lack of arrangement, carelessness in grammatical construction and writing not good. The work as a whole poorly done.

CALVERT DISTRICT.

Records fairly correct with the exception of a few grammatical errors, and omissions of periods. Pages clean and free from blots, writing bad.

Respectfully submitted,

H. C. WILLIS, Chairman.

A. P. NORMAN, Secretary.

Conference Relations.

DEAR BRETHREN:—The following named brethren have been referred to your committee for the superannuated relation, viz: F. A. McShan, D. H. Linebaugh, T. W. Blake, John H. Davidson, James M. Wesson, Wesley Smith, W. K. Turner, W. G. Nelms, Gideon Powledge, Geo. C. Stovall and H. V. Philpott. We recommend that in each case the request be granted.

J. L. MASSEY, Chairman.

Report of Sunday-School Board.

Your Sunday-School Board beg leave to submit their report:

We rejoice at the continued prosperity of the Sunday-school work, but desire to emphasize the importance of extending the field of this important auxiliary of the church so as to encom-

pass every neglected community within the bounds of our conference, and to this end we urge upon pastors the necessity of discovering any new fields within or adjacent to their respective charges where new Sunday-schools should be organized, and we earnestly recommend that special efforts be made to effect organizations in such localities, and this Board will gladly render financial aid in such cases when called upon.

We sincerely regret the widespread failure to observe Children's Day, and in this connection we adopt as a part of this report the following extract from the report of the Sunday-School editor, to-wit:

"The reports of the Conference Sunday-School Boards sent into this office show an unaccountable disregard of the law touching the observance of Children's Day. There is no more important day in our calendar.

"While the fund incidentally collected on this occasion is doing large good in foreign fields, in our Western work and in the various conferences, the chief good is in the spiritual, social and educational effects produced by a proper observance of the day. It may be made a day of thrilling interest in the obscurest hamlet or in the largest city charge. The brethren are, therefore, earnestly urged to let no charge be without a carefully prepared observance of the day in the ensuing year."

Your Board also calls attention to the following paragraph of our church law, viz: "Let every Sunday-school so far as practicable be organized into a missionary society, auxiliary to the Board of Missions," and we urge upon very pastor a faithful observance of the same. We deem this missionary feature as of great importance, and recommend that the collections of one Sunday in each month be for missionary purposes and that pains be taken to educate the children to give to this cause.

We believe that the regular holding of teachers' meetings would greatly add to the efficiency of Sunday-school work, and on this subject we quote as follows from the report of the Sunday-School editor: "It is also desirable that occasionally in every community, at least in every charge, a teachers' institute shall be held for the purpose of illustrating the two great points of how to prepare a lesson and how to teach it. If the best equipped person in each charge will give to the others the benefit of his best thought and observation on these lines the average character of our work will be greatly enlarged. This is worthy of the most careful and painstaking effort of our best men."

During the past year we held in the bounds of our Conference a Sunday-school convention which was the most successful

and profitable yet held. It seemed to give new life to the cause, and was indeed a season of great spiritual refreshing to the Sunday-school workers. We intend holding a like convention some time during the month of next June, at some suitable place to be hereafter selected; and we earnestly request all the members of the Conference to prayerfully give to the Board every assistance possible in making this a great spiritual success.

We heartily commend our Sunday-school literature published in Nashville, and regret to note that the Magazine is not taken as extensively as it should be. It is estimated that not more than one-third of the teachers are furnished with the Magazine, while we insist that it should be placed in the hands of every teacher—which would increase the circulation from thirty-three thousand to one hundred and thirteen thousand, and would greatly improve the efficiency of the Sunday-school work.

Respectfully submitted,

By JOHN E. CRAWFORD,
For the Sunday-School Board.

Report of Treasurer Sunday-School Board, Texas Annual Conference.

To balance on hand, last report.....	\$52 40
Dec. 7, '95, Amount received from Brenham...	15 50
“ “ From St. Johns, Galveston.....	7 10
“ 5, '95, “ Webberville Circuit.....	8 85
May 8, '96, “ Hempstead	2 00
“ 20, '96, “ Cedar Bayou.....	6 90
“ 20, '96, “ Cameron	5 50
“ 27, '96, “ Millican.....	3 15
“ 23, '96, “ Eagle Lake.....	1 55
June 9, '96, “ Dodge Mission.....	6 35
July 3, '96, “ San Felipe.....	6 32
Aug. 13, '96, “ Manchaca.....	2 50
Aug. 28, '96, “ Houston City Mission.....	4 20
Sept. 29, '96, “ West End Mission, Galv'n..	4 34
Nov. 25, '96, “ McKee Street, Houston.....	3 20
“ “ “ Anderson Circuit.....	2 00
“ “ “ Bremond and Reagan.....	9 00
“ “ “ Montgomery.....	1 00
“ “ “ Washington St., Houston....	1 75
“ “ “ Madisonville	4 00
“ “ “ Fairfield.....	2 00
“ “ “ Matagorda.....	2 00

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Dec. 17, '95,	Paid printing blanks.....	1 28
Dec. 17, '95,	" publishing minutes.....	20 00
April 8, '96,	" Carl school.....	6 00
May 27, '96,	" Dodge Mission.....	10 00
June 5, '96,	" H. M. Sears, exp., Conv'n...	5 25
	" Parent Board, S. S., 10 p. ct.	10 10
	" Parent B'd of Educa'n, "	10 10
	" Houston Mission School.....	6 00
Nov. 28, '96,	" publishing minutes.....	19 75
Nov. 28, '96,	Balance on hand.....	65 16
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		\$153 61 \$153 61

RECAPITULATION.

Balance on hand, last report.....	\$52 40	
Collected since last report.....	101 20	
Paid out during the year.....		\$88 45
Balance on hand.....		65 16
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		\$153 61 \$153 61

Respectfully submitted,

D. N. HARRIS, Treasurer.

Bastrop, Nov. 27, 1896.

Preachers' Aid Board.*To the President and Members of the Texas Annual Conference:*

Your Board respectfully ask leave to report, for your information, as follows: At the annual meeting of the Board for 1896, there were present Rev. A. E. Goodwyn, Rev. D. H. Hotchkiss, B. D. Orgain and Tom Murrah.

Rev. C. M. Keith having passed to his reward in eternity, and Rev. G. C. Rankin, D. D., having been transferred to the North Texas Conference, thereby causing two vacancies in our Board. Revs. T. B. Graves and H. M. Haynie were elected to fill said vacancies.

The report of the treasurer shows that we have increased our interest-bearing assets from \$2637 to \$3789.30, with assets of doubtful value amounting to \$375.

We have collected and paid to the treasurer of the Joint Board of Finance, at this session, \$252.60.

Fraternally submitted,

[Signed]
TOM MURRAH, Secretary.

A. E. GOODWYN, President.

Church Extension.

To the Bishop and Members of the Texas Annual Conference:

At the meeting of the Board, F. L. Allen was elected vice-president.

Nine applications to the Conference Board, and one to the Parent Board of Church Extension, for aid, were before your board. Eight of the Conference applications were granted, and the application to the Parent Board was recommended.

The amount for disbursement is \$589.50.

The following are the donations granted from this amount:

Dodge.....	\$150 00
Roan's Prairie.....	35 00
Fairview.....	40 00
Osborn.....	82 50
Blevins.....	82 00
Fuller.....	50 00
Young.....	75 00
Barbers Hill.....	75 00

Total.....\$589 50

The following are the assessments upon the several districts for the ensuing Conference year:

Houston.....	\$ 618 00
Austin.....	475 00
Brenham.....	380 00
Calvert.....	380 00
Huntsville.....	347 00

Total.....\$2,200 00

As will be noticed, the assessment is increased. The cause of this is the raising of the assessment 10 per cent. on the whole church.

By this apportionment, that of the Texas Conference amounts to 20 per cent., which we think unfair and unjust, considering its relative strength, when compared with the other Conferences.

In view of the vital importance of the cause of church extension as an agency for the spread of the gospel of Christ, we deeply deplore the fact that many of our preachers and people are apparently too negligent to the needs of this great cause.

The following charges in the Conference have failed to recognize their obligations to contribute to this important connectional fund, viz:

Tenth Street Church, Austin; Buffalo and Oakwood, Durango, Wheelock, Stoneham and Plantersville.

We offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this board, that the presiding elder of each district bring the cause of church extension prominently before each District Conference, and have this cause properly presented, in order that the people may be educated on this important subject.

Resolved, 2nd, That as there are many charges that have no parsonages, and others whose parsonages are uncomfortable and poorly furnished, we would impress upon our pastors the necessity of organizing W. P. and H. M. societies in every charge, as far as is practicable.

WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT.

We heartily commend the work of our W. P. and H. M. society.

They have raised \$107.30 this year, which has been donated as follows:

Parsonage at Stoneham.....	\$50 00
Parsonage on Personville Mission.....	57 30

The following officers for the Conference Society were elected by the board: President, Mrs. F. S. Allen; Vice-President, Mrs. J. M. Patton; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. O. T. Hotchkiss; Treasurer, Mrs. E. F. McGowen; Organizer, Mrs. J. B. Cochran.

DISTRICT SECRETARIES.

Houston District, Mrs. Belle Blanden.

Austin District, Mrs. Geo. S. Spears.

Brenham District, Mrs. F. E. Hammond.

Calvert District, Miss Kate Higgenbottom.

Huntsville District, Mrs. W. W. Adickes.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. HORNER, President.

H. C. WILLIS, Secretary.

Church Extension.—Treasurer's Report.

Houston District assessed	\$430 00	paid	\$324 55
Austin " "	390 00	"	220 60
Brenham " "	410 00	"	266 50
Calvert " "	325 00	"	217 55
Huntsville " "	295 00	"	181 40
Total.....	\$1,850 00		\$1210 50

DISBURSED AS FOLLOWS:

To publication of minutes.....	\$ 30 00
To Parent Board.....	590 30
To Dodge Church, Huntsville District.....	150 00
To Roan's Prairie Church, Huntsville District.....	35 00
To Fairview, Huntsville District.....	40 00
To Osborne, Austin District.....	82 50
To Blevin, Calvert District.....	82 00
To Fuller, " ".....	50 00
To Young, " ".....	75 00
To Barbers Hill, Houston District.....	75 00
To money on hand.....	80

Total.....	\$1210 60
Balance on hand from 1895.....	\$ 65
" " " " 1896.....	80

Total cash on hand\$ 1 45

GEO. H. PHAIR, Treasurer.

Received from W. P. and H. M.....	\$107 30
Paid to Rev. E. C. Keith, Stoneham.....	\$50 00
Paid Rev. J. B. Cochran for Personvill	57 30
	\$107 30

Bastrop, Nov. 28, 1896.

Joint Board of Finance.

To the Bishop and Members of the Texas Annual Conference:

DEAR BRETHREN:—The amount of money coming into our hands from the preachers on the different charges for Conference claimants is as follows:

Houston District.....	\$1035 47
Austin District.....	830 90
Brenham District.....	618 42
Calvert District.....	593 70
Huntsville District.....	547 90
Received from Preachers' Aid Board.....	252 60
Received from Publishing House.....	352 00
Total.....	\$4230 99

DISBURSED AS FOLLOWS:

Paid claimants.....	\$4030 00
Contingent fund on hand.....	200 99
Total.....	\$4230 99
Received from Colvin Fund.....	\$8 00
Paid claimants.....	8 00

	Conf. Fund.	Colvin Fund.
Robert Durham.....	\$25 00	\$.40
Knox Porter.....	100 00	
Mrs. Amanda Graves.....	75 00	.40
Mrs. Jane McGuire.....	25 00	.40
Mrs. J. W. B. Allen.....	50 00	.40
Mrs. Hannah Green.....	180 00	.40
Mrs. Thomas Whitworth.....	50 00	.40
Mrs. S. G. Wooldridge.....	150 00	.40
Mrs. Rebecca Keith.....	150 00	.40
Mrs. M. A. Windsor.....	150 00	.40
Mrs. L. J. Hinckle.....	225 00	.40
Mrs. C. F. Stacy.....	100 00	.40
Mrs. R. Alexander.....	100 00	.40
Mrs. Sue C. Kerr.....	200 00	.40
Mrs. R. J. Fisher.....	150 00	.40
Mrs. M. J. Burris.....	100 00	.40
Mrs. Alice Stovall.....	125 00	.40
Mrs. Julia Dashiell.....	75 00	.40
Mrs. Fatina Lemmons.....	175 00	.40
Mrs. S. E. Gober.....	200 00	.40
Mrs. J. W. Whipple.....	50 00	.40
Rev. J. M. Wesson.....	250 00	
Rev. F. A. McShan.....	300 00	
Rev. Wesley Smith.....	200 00	
Rev. W. G. Nelms.....	250 00	
Rev. J. H. Davidson.....	150 00	
Rev. W. K. Turner.....	250 00	
Rev. Gideon Powledge.....	100 00	
D. H. Linebaugh.....	75 00	
Totals.....	\$4030 00	\$8 00

The amount assessed against the Conference for Bishop's Fund was \$1098.70, and was apportioned as follows:

	Assessed.	Paid.	Deficit.
Houston District.....	\$ 271 00	\$263 75	\$ 7 25
Austin District.....	253 00	232 50	20 50
Brenham District.....	230 00	194 35	35 65
Calvert District.....	184 00	145 70	39 30
Huntsville District	160 70	131 10	29 60
Total.....	\$1,098 70	\$967 40	\$132 30

Bishop's Fund disbursed as follows:

Remitted Barbee & Smith, by W. W. Adickes, treas.,...\$967 40

We are assessed for Bishop's Fund for the ensuing year \$1,-083.00, which we apportion to the districts as follows:

Houston District.....	\$ 269 00
Austin District.....	251 00
Brenham District.....	228 00
Calvert District.....	180 00
Huntsville District.....	155 00
Total.....	\$1,083 00

The assessment for Education we apportion to the districts as follows:

Houston District.....	\$ 365 00
Austin District.....	350 00
Brenham District.....	350 00
Calvert District.....	225 00
Huntsville District.....	210 00
Total.....	\$1,500 00

The assessment for the General Board of Education we apportion to the districts as follows:

Houston District.....	\$ 50 00
Austin District.....	45 00
Brenham District.....	35 00
Calvert District.....	30 00
Huntsville.....	24 80
Total.....	\$184 80

The assessment of \$250.00 for Payne and Lane Institutes we apportion to the districts as follows:

Houston District.....	\$ 60 00
Austin District.....	55 00
Brenham District.....	45 00
Calvert District.....	45 00
Huntsville District.....	45 00
Total.....	<u>\$250 00</u>

The assessment of \$600.00 for the Texas Methodist Orphanage we apportion to the districts as follows:

Houston District.....	\$140 00
Austin District.....	130 00
Brenham District.....	120 00
Calvert District.....	110 00
Huntsville District.....	100 00
Total.....	<u>\$600 00</u>

The various boards we assess for the publication of minutes as follows:

Board of Education from	
Payne and Lane fund.....	\$ 3 80
General Board of Education.....	4 02
Education fund.....	12 43
Total from Board of Education.....	\$ 20 25
Sunday-School Board.....	19 75
Board of Church Extension.....	30 00
Board of Missions.....	40 00
Total.....	<u>\$110 00</u>

The assessment against the Conference for expenses of delegates to the General Conference was \$660, and was apportioned as follows:

	Assessed.	Paid.	Deficit
Houston District.....	\$152 00	\$ 73 45	\$ 78 55
Austin District.....	142 00	62 45	79 55
Brenham District.....	132 00	57 00	75 00
Calvert District.....	122 00	55 85	66 15
Huntsville District.....	112 00	51 00	61 00
Totals.....	<u>\$660 00</u>	<u>\$299 75</u>	<u>\$360 25</u>

Fund for expenses of delegates to General Conference, disposed of as follows:

Remitted Barbee & Smith by W. W. Addicks, treasurer, \$299.75.

Our Conference was assessed for expenses of delegates to the General Conference, \$658.80, making a deficit of \$360.25. We apportion this amount to the districts as follows:

Houston District.....	\$ 78 55
Austin District.....	79 55
Brenham District.....	75 00
Calvert District.....	66 15
Huntsville District.....	61 00

Total\$360 25

We recommend that the assessment for Conference claimants be an amount equal to (8) eight per cent. on the assessed salaries of the preachers, and that the preachers be held responsible for an amount equal to 8 per cent. of the salary received. We regret to say that this rule has been violated by some of our pastors, who received their salaries in full, but have not paid their assessments in full to this board. We think this rule should be enforced uniformly.

In connection with our report we submit the following:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference be tendered to the officers of the First National Bank, of Bastrop, for their courtesy and liberality in handling the funds of this Board and providing drafts and exchange free of charge.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. CAMPBELL, President,
W. W. ADICKES, Treas.,
CHAS. A. HOOPER, Secy.

Board of Missions.--Report No. 1.

Your board offers the following recommendations for your adoption, with the request, if adopted, that they be published in full in the forthcoming Conference Annual:

We are glad to note, that though we have had a year of great financial stringency, yet the interest of our preachers and people in missions has not abated. We are profoundly impressed that our work lies in so arousing the church that every preacher and every member will feel a sense of personal responsibility in carrying on this part of the Lord's work. The offering of every one, be it the mite, or be it much, is indispensable to the high-

est success. The plan for this awaking must embrace every child and every adult. We must equip our entire force by a liberal intelligence and a broad sympathy in missionary conquests. From the pulpit and the Sunday-school, and the Epworth League, from the social circle, and through the silent influence of the printed page, this light must shine uninterruptedly, till the daily prayer of the universal church shall be to the "Lord of the harvest that he send laborers into His harvest." Believing, as we do, that intelligent presentation of the cause, with persistent effort to secure the direct gifts of the people for this great cause is the true method, we recommend:

1. That collections for missions be taken *alone*, and as *early* in the year as possible.

2. Believing that a definite time, as well as a definite amount, will facilitate collections, we recommend that February be considered missionary month by our entire Conference.

3. We would kindly ask that every pastor, and every layman, who is acquainted with the *Review of Missions* and *The World for Christ*, do a little good work by speaking a word for these periodicals, and with a little prudent zeal, push the circulation of the purest literature and the freshest light of the church.

4. That *every* pastor give earnest heed to his duties mentioned in Art. XVIII of the Constitution of the Board of Missions, which provides that *every* pastor shall hold missionary mass-meetings in *every* congregation once a year.

5. We recommend the appointment of a Conference Missionary Secretary, who shall conduct the correspondence with the central office at Nashville, and also with the presiding elders and pastors of our Conference, and arrange for the presentation of the subject of missions at mass-meetings, and at the district conferences.

6. That an effort be made to organize every Sunday-school into a missionary society, where practical.

7. We further recommend that to all appeals for missionary funds, however special the case, or tender the appeal, the pastor *see* to it that the regular assessments, and our regular missionary operations, in every case have the preference.

Let us, in conclusion, call especial attention of all of our preachers and people to our German work, which has been, since our General Conference in 1894, under the immediate control of a joint commission, created in our own State. Since the inauguration of the joint commission, the aid granted to the presiding elders and pastors of the German Mission Conference has been about doubled, besides keeping in the University one

student, and helping to sustain their Conference organ. The wisdom of creating this joint commission is seen in the quickened life of the German Mission Conference. All their preachers are better supported, and have shown a larger efficiency. They have this year enjoyed a number of gracious revivals within their bounds, and if we mistake not, have received more members into the church than they have received for some years. In loyalty and in liberality, they put to shame our American membership, who, for the most part, hold much more wealth, and enjoy much larger church privileges than the Germans. They are crowding vigorously into our territory, accumulating property, and rapidly becoming the most permanent citizens of our commonwealth. They have come to *stay*. And it is largely with us to make their coming a blessing to them, and to us.

Board of Missions.—Report No. 2.

To the President and Members of the Texas Conference:

Your Conference Board of Missions submit the following report, No. 2. We have assessed the Conference for domestic missions (including the German work).....\$4250 00
The assessment for foreign missions is..... 5550 00

Total for missions.....\$9800 00

We have distributed this amount to the districts as follows:

	For Foreign.	For Domestic.
Houston District.....	\$1360 00	\$1080 00
Austin District.....	1230 00	970 00
Calvert District.....	1010 00	730 00
Brenham District.....	1000 00	800 00
Huntsville District.....	950 00	670 00

Totals.....	\$5550 00	\$4250 00
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We have made the following appropriations:

HOUSTON DISTRICT.

Tabernacle, Houston.....	\$250 00
City Mission, Houston.....	150 00
West End, Galveston.....	200 00
Rosenberg.....	100 00
Dickinson.....	150 00
Total.....	\$850 00

AUSTIN DISTRICT.

First Street, Austin.....	\$300 00
Total.....	\$300 00

CALVERT DISTRICT.

Jewett	\$200 00
Personville	100 00
Chilton and Lott.....	100 00
Total.....	\$400 00

BRENHAM DISTRICT.

Ben Arnold.....	\$150 00
Deanville.....	100 00
Total.....	\$250 00

HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT.

Millican.....	\$200 00
Hempstead	100 00
Hockley	100 00
Prairie Plains.....	100 00
Zion	100 00
Dodge	100 00
For presiding elder of Huntsville District	150 00

Total.....	\$850 00
To German Mission work (absolute).....	400 00
Grand total appropriations for Conference.....	\$3050 00.

J. B. COCHRAN, President.

JOSEPH B. SEARS, Secretary.

Missionary Treasurer's Report.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

From the Domestic fund for the German work.....	\$ 400 00
Collected from pastoral charges.....	4315 22
Anniversary collection.....	28 65
Total.....	\$4743 87
Sent T. B. Holt, general treasurer.....	\$4,723 87
Paid for Conference Minutes.....	20 00
Total.....	\$4,743 87 \$4,743 87

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Received from J. E. Green, former treasurer.....	\$1,233	25
Collected from pastoral charges.....	3,163	12
Anniversary collection.....	28	65

Total	\$4,425	02
Paid out as per vouchers.....	\$3,700	60
Balance on hand.....	724	42

Total	\$4,425	02	\$4,425	02
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O. T. HOTCHKISS, Treas.

Editor of Annual.

To the President and Members of the Texas Annual Conference:

BRETHREN:—I submit herewith, together with vouchers, an account of moneys received and disbursed in the printing and distribution of the Conference Annual of last year.

Received from various boards.....	\$110	00
“ “ Seth Ward (former editor).....	7	00

Total.....	\$117	00
Paid Printer.....	\$ 91	50
“ Pacific Express Co.....	8	25
“ Wells Fargo Express Co.....	10	70
“ for postage	4	50
		\$114 95

Balance on hand.....	\$ 2	05
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There were 2000 copies issued, and these were promptly distributed to the brethren, a few copies being retained to replace any that might be lost in the process of distribution. I estimate that it will require at least \$110 to issue a like number of Annuals for this year.

Respectfully submitted,
D. H. HOTCHKISS, Editor.

Report on Temperance.

To the Bishop and Members of the Texas Conference:

DEAR BRETHREN:—We, your Committee on Temperance, beg to submit the following as our report:

We note with regret that this evil, in many parts of our country, is spreading rapidly, and is the cause of much of the misery

and poverty with which our land is affected. That by it many thousands of our young men are being debauched and wrecked annually.

We deplore the fact that our government is directly responsible for the presence of this crouching beast that springs so mercilessly upon its victims. We regard the licensing of this traffic by our State as wrong, and a blot upon our civilization, and we believe that all good people, of whatever name or order, should ally themselves together against this evil, looking to its extermination from our midst.

Respectfully submitted,

R. T. WOOLSEY,
On behalf of Committee.

Resolutions.

Resolved, That we, the members of the Texas Conference, hereby tender the good people of Bastrop our sincerest thanks for the most elegant entertainment, and the many courtesies we have received from their hands during the session of the Conference, and that we thank the churches of the city for opening their doors to us.

Resolved, Also that our thanks are due and are hereby tendered to the various railroads and banks that have favored us.

E. W. SOLOMON,
SETH WARD.

PART V.

Memoir.

COLUMBUS M. KEITH was born of Christian parents in Merriwether county, Ga., in December, 1847. While he was yet a boy, his father moved to Russell county, Ala., where he grew up to manhood. His early training was such that he was early led to seek salvation through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. At the age of twenty-one he was converted at Jernigan Camp-ground, Russell county, Ala., at which time he joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. In the winter of 1870, he was married to Miss Ella Gardner, of Russell county, Ala. They had born unto them one child, our own E. C. Keith, now on trial in this Conference, to whom we look for a worthy successor of his father. Shortly after the birth of this first child, the young wife went home to the rest that awaits the coming of the just, leaving him to care for the motherless child.

In 1874, he was married to Miss Amanda G. Weston, in Russell county, Ala. This marriage was blessed with three children, two of whom yet survive him. During the year 1885, this wife died, leaving him in sad loneliness with three little children to whom he must fill the double office of father and mother. With these three children he lived and labored till some time in the year 1891, when he was married to Miss Rebecca Welch, of Hearne, Texas, who still lives in sad widowhood.

In 1881, he was licensed to preach by Rev. G. W. Graves. At the Conference at Bryan, Texas, in December, 1882, Bishop Parker presiding, he was admitted on trial and sent to Buffalo Circuit. He was ordained deacon by Bishop McTyeire at the Galveston Conference in 1884, and ordained elder by Bishop Duncan at the Houston Conference in December, 1887.

Though he was never considered famous or brilliant as a preacher, he was always useful and ever found faithful. When we measure his life by his success as a preacher, we find he had very few superiors. During the thirteen and one-half years of his ministry among us he did not have a single fruitless year. Brother Keith was a very successful pastor, always keeping

his promise made at the bar of the Conference, that he would visit from house to house, as a sacred promise. He was an unmurmuring itinerant, taking with a sweet spirit of cheerfulness any appointment assigned him. During these thirteen years of hard, but to him happy toil, he served the following appointments: Buffalo Circuit, three years; Franklin Circuit, one year; Fairfield Circuit, three years; Hearne and Wheelock, two years; Navasota Station, three years; Washington Street, Houston, one year; Flatonia Station, where he surrendered his useful life. In all these years, and in all these fields, he was useful above the average, and many there be among our people who honor his memory, and many, in the judgment, will rise up to call him blessed.

To the sorrowful widow and children we speak words of cheer and encouragement. Your loss, though great, and your sorrow, though intense, shall be recompensed at the reunion in the bright day that awaits the faithful. May the memory of his life of noble service and his sweet spirit comfort you, every one, while on the way.

H. M. SEARS.
A. E. GOODWYN,
C. H. BROOKS.

REGISTER AND DIRECTORY.

Arranged Alphabetically.

NAME.	When and how received.			POSTOFFICE.
	Admitted on Trial.	Transfer.	Re-admitted.	
Adams, James M.....	1887	.....	.....	Alvin.
Adams, Robert W.....	1892	.....	.....	Willis.
Allen, Fred L.....	.....	1866	.....	Rockdale.
Allen, Beverly W.....	1894	.....	.....	Hill's Prairie.
Anderson, A. J.....	.....	1888	.....	Cold Springs.
Blackburn, Robert T.....	1892	.....	.....	Smithville.
Blake, T. W.....	1859	.....	.....	Plantersville.
Bracewell, W. C.....	1892	.....	.....	Lyons.
Bradfield, W. D.....	.....	1896	.....	Galveston.
Briggs, Richard J.....	.....	1896	.....	Austin.
Brinson, W. F.....	1885	.....	.....	Jewett.
Brooks, Calvin H.....	.....	.....	1887	Elgin.
Brooks, William H.....	1888	.....	.....	Giddings.
Brown, Samuel P.....	1885	.....	.....	Milano.
Bryce, Ira M.....	.....	1893	.....	Richmond.
Cain, Thomas R.....	1891	.....	.....	McDade.
Callaway, John J.....	1891	.....	.....	Matagorda.
Campbell, Willie R.....	1894	.....	.....	Wharton.
Chambers, S. T.....	.....	1894	.....	Columbus.
Cochran, John B.....	1886	.....	.....	Calvert.
Collins, George H.....	1885	.....	.....	Navasota.
Clothier, George E.....	1891	.....	.....	Bryan.
Crutchfield, J. M.....	.....	1895	.....	Rosebud.
Cullen, James W.....	.....	1893	.....	Ad Hall.
Daniel, Melodius F.....	1893	.....	.....	Salty.
Davidson, John H.....	.....	1853	.....	Galveston.
Davis, Louis P.....	1887	.....	.....	Dickinson.
Farrington, C. L.....	.....	1870	.....	Sealy.
Favre, F. O.....	.....	1885	.....	Fairfield.
Garrett, Clyde B.....	1894	.....	.....	Oakwoods.

Gaskins, W. D	1896	Fiskville.
Goodwyn, Alexander E	1877	Flatonia.
Gordon, Ira B.....	1890	Iola.
Graves, Thomas B.....	1882	Galveston.
Green, John E.....	1883	LaGrange.
Guess, B. J.....	1894	Patterson.
Hammond, Fiske E.....	1895	Chappell Hill.
Harmon, John W.....	1888	Bremond.
Hart, H. T.....	1885	Lexington.
Haynie, Henry M.....	1885	Kosse.
Hocutt, Enon G	1882	Austin.
Holt, John W.....	1892	Winchester.
Hooper, Charles A.....	1887	Houston.
Horn, J. W.....	1888	Houston.
Horner, W. W.....	1892	Madisonville.
Hotchkiss, Oscar T	1875	Houston.
Hotchkiss, DeWitt H.....	1889	Bastrop.
John, I. G.....	1847	Nashville, Tenn. ,
Kelly, J. W.....	1877	Manchaca.
Kilgore, James.....	1892	Calvert.
Kimblor, Henry R.....	1894	Hockley.
LeClere, George A	1892	Cameron.
Lindsey, Marion L.....	1894	Calvert.
Linebaugh, D. A	1882	Mount Pleasant.
Massey, Jesse L.....	1892	Huntsville-
McDonald, W. T	1890	Anderson.
McIver, John A.....	1895	Prairie Plains.
McMahan, John W	1888	Franklin.
McShan, F. A.....	1857	Rockdale.
Mickle, J. C	1878	Cameron.
Moore, J. C.....	1891	Davilla.
Morgan, Samuel H.....	1889	Webberville.
Murray, J. R.....	1892	Cedar Bayou.
Myers, Erastus M	1891	Dodge.
Nelms, William G	1849	Lorena.
Newsom, Ernest P.....	1894	Brenham.
Nutter, J. B.....	1894	Conroe.
Osborn, A. T.....	1896	Georgetown.
Phair, George H.....	1874	Hearne.
Philpott, H. V	1893	College Station.
Powledge, Gideon	1882	Prairie Plains.
Potts, Edmund A.....	1894	Dime Box.
Russell, J. L.....	1894	Maysfield.
Sandel, G. S	1862	Millican.
Sears, Henry M	1882	Bastrop.

Sears, Joseph B	1883	.....	Houston.
Shettles, E. L.....	1891	.....	Hempstead.
Simpson, Charles E.....	1892	.....	Chilton.
Skinner, J. P.....	1891	.....	Bellville.
Smith, E. S.....	1875	.....	Austin.
Smith, Wesley.....	1879	.....	Abilene.
Solomon, Emmet W.....	1888	.....	Marlin.
Sonfield, Leon.....	1895	.....	Galveston.
Stewart, John C.....	1893	.....	Rosenberg.
Stovall, George C.....	1885	.....	Austin.
Thomas, S. W.....	1893	.....	Houston.
Thompson, Columbus M...	1892	.....	Angleton.
Thompson, John W.....	1892	.....	Durango.
Turner, W. K. with ceded ter'y, 1882	.....	.....	Franklin.
Ward, Seth..... with ceded ter'y, 1882	.....	.....	Houston.
Wesson, James M	1843	.....	Navasota.
Williams, Horace G.....	1889	.....	Centreville.
Williford, Thomas S	1890	.....	Columbia.
Willis, Hubert C	1892	.....	Caldwell.
Woolsey, Robert T .....	.....	1892	Winchester.
Wootton, Weems.....	.....	1876	Navasota.
Yeats, J. L.....	1893	.....	Roger's Prairie.

ON TRIAL.

Keith, Ellie C.....	1895	.....	Eagle Lake.
McLarty, Chas. U	1895	.....	Stoneham.
Ray, George R.....	1896	.....	Ben Arnold.
Rector, Giles C.....	1896	.....	Manor.
Washburn, Willis E	1896	.....	Personville.

STATISTICAL AND FINANCIAL REPORTS—

NAME OF CHARGE.	No. Local Preachers	No. White Members	Total Members this Year	Total Members last Year	Additions on Prof. of Faith	Additions by Certif. and other- wise	Removed by Death. Cert. and otherwise	Infants Baptized	Adults Baptized	No. of Societies in Charge	No. of Churches	Value of Churches
Shearn.....	1	641	641	658	29	48	94	15	4	1	1	\$ 26000 00
Washington Street.....	5	394	394	181	168	116	71	35	43	1	1	5000 00
McKee Street.....	2	298	298	247	59	26	34	19	28	2	2	4500 00
Tabernacle.....	3	194	194	187	20	24	37	9	7	1	1	7250 00
City Mission .....	.....	107	107	94	10	10	7	7	4	2	2	3400 00
St. John's.....	1	250	250	247	3	11	11	.....	1	1	1	40000 00
St. James.....	.....	178	178	158	13	20	13	20	4	1	1	20000 00
West End.....	.....	130	130	149	3	17	39	10	.....	1	1	3500 00
Bolivar Ct.....	.....	79	79	62	20	.....	3	9	3	2	2	350 00
Velasco.....	.....	193	193	187	18	4	16	7	4	4	4	4000 00
Columbia and Brazoria..	1	125	125	87	36	3	1	2	13	2	1	2500 00
Patterson Ct.....	.....	241	241	166	66	11	2	11	40	4	3	3550 00
Dickinson Mission.....	.....	160	160	133	30	.....	3	3	1	3	3	1500 00
Angleton Ct.....	2	134	134	121	4	17	8	5	2	5	4	6000 00
Richmond.....	1	126	126	130	8	11	23	9	4	1	1	2500 00
Alvin and Hitchcock.....	7	291	291	300	23	27	59	3	21	1	1	1000 00
Rosenberg Mission .....	.....	120	120	85	33	7	5	12	14	5	1	150 00
Matagorda .....	.....	190	192	193	1	2	4	4	1	4	4	3550 00
Wharton & Hungerford.	.....	136	136	112	6	25	7	5	1	3	2	1200 00
Cedar Bayou Ct.....	2	309	309	267	43	15	16	24	17	5	2	2200 00
TOTAL.....	25	4296	4298	3764	793	394	453	209	217	49	38	\$138100 00

Two colored members on Matagorda Circuit.

STATISTICAL AND FINANCIAL REPORTS—

Tenth Street.....	1	675	675	632	57	36	50	5	24	1	1	\$ 20000 00
Twenty-fourth Street .....	.....	172	172	171	4	30	36	1	.....	1	1	3200 00
First Street	2	166	166	194	18	27	73	5	6	1	1	1400 00
Merrilltown.....	.....	300	300	306	24	22	52	17	11	3	2	2600 00
Manchaca.....	2	335	335	320	57	19	61	5	33	4	2	2600 00
Webberville.....	.....	270	270	299	10	11	50	11	6	5	3	2500 00
Manor .....	.....	161	164	164	9	14	23	5	4	1	1	2500 00
Elgin .....	.....	101	101	97	3	5	4	.....	.....	1	1	1000 00
McDade.....	2	217	217	210	3	18	14	1	3	5	3	3050 00
Bastrop.....	1	156	156	153	7	6	10	5	2	1	1	5500 00
Smithville.....	1	128	128	85	8	38	3	.....	5	1	1	2750 00
Cedar Creek.....	3	185	185	162	14	27	18	14	6	4	1	350 00
Winchester .....	.....	347	347	305	52	10	20	8	20	5	5	3900 00
LaGrange .....	.....	212	212	194	21	17	20	1	7	1	1	5000 00
Columbus .....	.....	206	206	190	21	14	19	8	9	1	.....	1500 00
Weimar and Osage	2	295	295	300	12	2	19	6	6	2	2	3000 00
Flatonia.....	1	249	249	239	12	8	10	3	6	1	1	3000 00
Eagle Lake.....	.....	97	97	128	.....	11	42	2	1	4	2	1200 00
TOTAL.....	15	4275	4275	4152	352	315	524	97	148	42	30	\$ 65050 00

STATISTICAL AND FINANCIAL REPORTS—

Brenham	2	355	355	297	49	23	14	1	30	1	1	\$ 21500 00
Chappell Hill.....	1	170	170	168	11	9	18	1	5	1	1	3000 00
Giddings .....	.....	187	187	155	27	22	17	4	16	3	2	2500 00
Caldwell.....	.....	165	165	171	4	11	21	1	2	2	1	5000 00
Lvons.....	2	299	299	273	36	.....	10	10	5	5	3	1500 00
Deanville Mission.....	1	180	180	137	44	20	21	1	28	5	2	500 00
Cameron St.....	4	305	305	279	30	39	43	5	15	1	1	3000 00
Cameron Ct.....	1	284	284	393	30	15	154	21	25	5	2	1500 00
Davilla Ct.....	6	415	416	341	66	46	37	23	34	3	3	2800 00
Maysfield Ct.....	1	241	241	220	18	9	6	8	11	3	1	1500 00
Ben Arnold Ct.....	.....	100	100	42	54	4	50	.....	50	3	1	100 00
Milano Ct.....	2	600	600	550	50	24	24	30	40	6	6	4000 00
Rockdale St.....	1	139	139	197	1	9	68	2	1	1	1	4000 00
Pleasant Hill Ct.....	2	400	400	360	30	26	16	11	9	6	6	3200 00
Lexington Ct.....	4	310	310	312	40	13	55	14	38	5	3	3500 00
Sealy Ct.....	.....	275	275	243	12	28	8	4	3	3	2	3000 00
Bellville Ct.....	.....	289	289	266	32	1	10	.....	16	4	3	4500 00
Oakdale Mission.....	.....	42	42	.....	10	32	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	.....
TOTAL.....	27	4756	4757	4404	544	331	522	136	334	57	39	\$ 65100 00

HOUSTON DISTRICT, 1896.

No. Par- sonages	Value of Par- sonages	Value of Other Ch Property	Money Expended on Ch- ches and Par- sonages	No. Epw. Leagues	EpLeague Members	No. of S. Schools	No. Offic's & Teach.	No. of Scholars	Am't Col- lected for Sunday Schools	Am't Col- lected for Missions	Am't Col'd on Chil- drens Day	Am't Col'd for Other Objects	Total Amount Raised
1	2000 00	\$ 34000 00	60 00	1	109	1	37	402	\$ 388 00	\$ 150 00	\$	\$ 264 83	\$ 802 83
		600 00	80 50	2	97	2	24	200	76 00	23 00	1 75		100 75
		50 00	700 00	1	45	2	22	212	52 75	18 43	3 20	116 00	190 38
			43 00	1	48	4	44	281	153 50	42 48			195 98
				1	12	2	22	130	65 70	22 40	4 20	48 00	140 30
1	2500 00		193 50	1	54	2	27	327	388 56	32 59	39 85	25 00	486 00
			156 68	2	97	1	13	210	130 00				130 00
1	100 00		60 00	1	38	1	10	104	93 07	15 00	4 35	58 50	170 92
			64 50			4	16	70	15 00			5 25	20 25
1	900 00		110 17	1	30	3	15	60	32 11	9 25			41 36
1	400 00			1	34	1	12	51	27 70	17 00		37 50	82 20
1	300 00	50 00	50 00	2	35	3	30	169	30 00				30 00
1	634 00		236 85	2	36	3	17	143	60 00	9 80			69 80
1	500 00					2	11	80	30 00				30 00
1	800 00		250 00	1	37	1	10	60	47 35	17 40	8 60		73 35
		100 00		2	60	1	12	150		30 00		50 00	80 00
1	850 00		850 00			2	10	60	12 00				12 00
1	1100 00		50 00	2	40	2	8	50	5 00			4 95	9 95
1	300 00		964 00	2	70	3	19	132	40 00	5 00	1 30	16 00	62 30
J						3	27	132	67 56	14 00	7 00	69 95	158 51
12	\$ 10284 00	\$ 34800 00	\$ 3869 40	23	842	43	384	3023	\$ 1714 30	\$ 406 35	\$ 70 25	\$ 695 98	\$ 2886 88

AUSTIN DISTRICT, 1896.

1	\$ 2500 00	\$ 100 00	\$ 250 00	1	65	1	36	319	\$ 318 00	\$ 40 00	\$	\$	\$ 358 00
				1	30	2	35	255	97 17				97 17
			171 00	2	45	1	10	174	45 00				45 00
		500 00	30 00	1	45	2	14	116	20 00				20 00
1	500 00	30 00	40 00	1	20	2	12	100	26 30		2 50		28 80
1	800 00	100 00	450 00			3	15	75	25 00			12 00	37 00
1	1725 00	90 00	150 00	1	20	1	8	80	18 17	11 00			29 17
1	1700 00		50 00	1		1	8	54	32 00	10 00			42 00
1	400 00		362 25			2	13	80	15 15	5 98			21 13
1	2600 00		25 00	1	32	2	23	164	47 25			15 00	62 25
1	850 00		313 00	1	41	1	11	153	68 50	8 00		15 50	92 00
		100 00				3	16	150	20 00				20 00
1	800 00	25 00	40 00	1	30	4	30	140	14 00	8 35		5 10	27 45
1	2000 00		225 00	1	30	1	13	130	48 12	18 70			66 82
1	1000 00		110 00	2	77	1	18	138	39 55	15 16		15 00	69 71
1	600 00		90 20			2	20	250	50 00	10 75			60 75
1	1500 05		127 00	1	70	1	15	150	103 88		30 00		133 88
1	1000 00		269 00	3	65	2	10	69	14 40	16 20	1 55		32 15
14	\$ 17975 00	\$ 945 00	\$ 2702 45	18	570	32	307	2597	\$ 1002 49	\$ 144 14	\$ 34 05	\$ 62 60	\$ 1243 28

BRENHAM DISTRICT, 1896.

1	\$ 3500 00	\$	\$ 149 75	1	70	1	23	205	\$ 110 62	\$ 25 00	\$	\$	\$ 135 62
1	1000 00	3500 00	87 85	1	40	1	9	90	23 50	6 40		40 20	70 10
1	1000 00		45 00			2	19	141	36 50				36 50
1	1750 00		13 50			1	13	80	67 00			10 00	77 00
1	400 00					4	17	120	20 00				20 00
						4	23	126	41 35				41 35
1	3000 00		130 00	1	50	1	25	150	52 00	16 25	5 50		73 75
1	450 00		20 00			1	6	40	9 60				9 60
1	500 00	780 00	235 00			4	19	140	23 75				23 75
1	250 00	180 00	20 00	2	55	3	19	130	26 00			17 00	43 00
1	600 00	500 00	500 00	3	50	5	25	200	35 00				35 00
1	1500 00	150 00	75 00	2	115	1	10	105	18 00	10 00		11 00	39 00
1	300 00		125 00	1	17	4	28	250	30 00			3 14	33 14
1	550 00		763 00			3	14	150	10 00				10 00
1	1200 00		286 00	1	26	3	24	175	35 00	10 00			45 00
1	1000 00	2000 00	29 90			4	16	180	30 50				30 50
15	\$ 17000 00	\$ 7110 00	\$ 2480 00	12	523	42	290	2282	\$ 568 82	\$ 67 65	\$ 5 50	\$ 81 34	\$ 723 31

STATISTICAL AND FINANCIAL REPORTS—

NAME OF CHARGE	No. Local Preachers	No. White Members	Total Members this Year	Total Members last Year	Additions on Prof. of Faith	Additions by Certif. and other- wise	Removed by Death, Certif. and otherwise	Infants Baptized	Adults Baptized	No. of Societies in Charge	No. of Churches	Value of Churches
Calvert.....	1	261	261	251	2	23	15	8	1	1	1	\$ 4000 00
Marlin.....	.....	285	285	265	10	31	21	1	4	1	1	4500 00
Bremond and Reagan.....	.....	361	361	366	2	14	21	5	.....	2	2	5800 00
Kosse.....	.....	147	147	150	8	9	20	3	8	1	1	3000 00
Alto Mission.....	1	390	390	340	51	26	27	25	22	6	5	2900 00
Bald Prairie.....	1	244	244	126	110	28	20	10	60	5	3	1500 00
Hearne and Mumford.....	1	145	145	128	5	17	5	7	4	1	1	2000 00
Franklin.....	.....	168	168	170	4	16	22	7	4	1	1	1800 00
Wheelock.....	.....	320	320	329	.....	.....	9	1	.....	4	2	.....
Mount Vernon.....	3	398	398	362	44	6	14	1	30	6	6	3500 00
Jewett Mission.....	.....	165	165	138	17	18	8	3	5	4	2	1200 00
Oakwood and Buffalo.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fairfield.....	2	370	370	336	40	13	19	12	40	3	4	3250 00
Centreville.....	.....	334	334	368	22	7	63	24	9	4	4	3800 00
Personville.....	12	125	125	113	4	16	8	.....	4	4	1	800 00
Rosebud.....	12	343	343	321	41	11	30	6	28	3	3	3000 00
Roger's Prairie.....	1	265	265	254	13	9	11	3	1	5	2	1000 00
Chilton and Lott.....	.....	222	222	142	47	49	16	8	24	5	2	2600 00
Durango.....	12	339	339	295	70	16	42	10	32	4	4	2806 00
TOTAL.....	16	4882	4882	4454	490	309	371	135	276	61	45	\$ 47456 00

1 colored member on Davilla Circuit.

STATISTICAL AND FINANCIAL REPORTS—

Huntsville.....	.....	330	330	333	13	29	45	.....	5	1	1	\$ 6500 00
Prairie Plains.....	1	224	224	211	13	4	4	9	5	6	3	1650 00
Zion.....	4	334	334	286	39	12	3	1	27	3	2	1355 00
Navasota.....	12	252	252	292	.....	2	32	12	.....	1	1	5000 00
Anderson.....	.....	358	358	340	17	8	7	26	4	4	4	4900 00
Madisonville.....	.....	345	345	343	19	7	24	1	9	3	2	1800 00
Willis.....	.....	207	207	217	2	5	17	12	1	1	1	2300 00
Montgomery and Conroe.....	.....	235	235	263	.....	50	78	10	15	3	3	2700 00
Cold Springs.....	1	255	255	249	13	2	9	15	4	4	4	2250 00
Stoneham & Plantersv'le.....	1	315	315	303	9	3	7	7	.....	5	3	4000 00
Hempstead & Courtney..	1	168	168	169	4	12	17	1	3	2	2	2400 00
Hockley.....	12	358	358	365	21	18	46	2	6	3	3	1150 00
Millican.....	1	345	345	341	19	17	22	12	8	5	5	2200 00
Bryan.....	1	229	229	220	9	6	6	.....	5	1	1	2500 00
Dodge.....	12	306	306	214	112	4	24	20	46	5	2	1000 00
Cleveland and Westfield.....	.....	71	71	82	1	3	15	5	.....	4	1	600 00
TOTAL.....	15	4332	4332	4028	291	182	419	125	138	55	38	\$ 42295 00

RECAPITULATION STATISTICAL AND FINANCIAL

NAME OF DISTRICT.	No. Local Preachers	No. White Members	Total Members this Year	Total Members last Year	Additions on Prof. of Faith	Additions by Certif. and other- wise	Removals by Death, Certif. and otherwise	Infants Baptized	Adults Baptized	No. of Societies in Charge	No. of Churches	Value of Churches
Houston.....	25	4296	4298	3764	793	394	453	209	217	49	38	\$138100 00
Austin.....	15	4275	4275	4152	352	315	524	97	148	42	30	65050 00
Brenham.....	27	4756	4757	4104	541	331	522	136	334	57	39	65100 00
Calvert.....	16	4882	4882	4454	490	309	371	135	276	61	45	47456 00
Huntsville.....	15	4332	4332	4228	291	182	419	125	138	55	38	42295 00
Total.....	98	22541	22541	21002	2470	1531	2289	752	1113	264	190	\$358001 00
Total last year.....	114	21918	21920	.....	2065	1928	2087	708	1153	209	174	\$363127 00
Increase.....	.....	623	624	.....	405	.....	202	44	.....	55	16	.....
Decrease.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	397	.....	.....	40	.....	.....	\$ 5126 00

CALVERT DISTRICT, 1896.

No. Par-sonages	Value of Par-sonages	Value of Other Ch Property	Money Expended on Ch'ches and Par-sonages	No. Epw. Leagues	Ep League Members	No. of S. Schools	No. Offic's & Teach.	No. of Scholars	Am't Col-lected for Sunday Schools	Am't Col-lected for Missions	Am't Col'd on Chil-drens Day	Am't Col'd for Other Objects	Total Amount Raised
1	\$ 1500 00		\$ 90 00	1	45	1	16	125	\$ 95 65	\$ 44 43		\$ 20 00	\$ 160 08
1	1500 00		200 00	1	37	1	13	150	32 80	35 00		15 25	23 05
1	800 00		216 75	1	30		26	200	96 85	19 35	9 00		125 20
1	1200 00		50 00	1	22	1	8	65	40 00				40 00
1						3	25	130	33 75				33 75
1	350 00		132 50			12	15	100	9 75				9 75
1	1000 00		28 00	1	40	1	12	50	27 80				27 80
1	500 00		50 00	1	20	1	12	100	30 00				30 00
						2	12	60					
1			200 00	1	35	3	12	100	50 00		1 00		51 00
	500 00		20 00			1	12	70	10 55			3 00	13 55
1						2	15	85					
1	1000 00		115 00	2	120	2	21	144	31 30			2 55	33 85
1	1000 00	20 00	83 85			3	15	120	22 60				22 60
1	400 00	50 00	50 00			1	6	25	4 00			25 00	29 00
1	750 00		353 65			5	22	180	57 00				57 00
1	460 00		40 00										
			180 35			4	28	200	38 85				38 85
1	300 00	80 00	626 00	1	40	4	16	164	31 25			68 00	99 25
14	\$ 11260 00	\$ 150 00	\$ 2436 11	10	389	37	286	2068	\$ 612 15	\$ 98 78	\$ 13 00	\$ 133 80	\$ 857 73

1 District Personage valued at \$1100.00.

HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT, 1896.

1	\$ 2500 00					1	26	200		\$ 78 53		\$ 25 00	\$ 103 53
1	700 00	50 00				2	12	76	12 00				12 00
1	425 00		35 70			2	16	110	13 50			1 50	15 00
1	2500 00		449 10	1	13	1	11	86	63 44	2 00			65 44
1	500 00		245 00	1	50	3	18	150	66 00		2 00		68 00
1	750 00		25 00	1	25	3	20	175	20 00	6 65	4 00		30 65
1	1000 00	200 00	250 00	1	28	1	9	70	37 27	12 00	4 00		53 27
2	1500 00		139 65	1	10	4	22	200	40 95		1 00		41 95
		200 00	125 00			3	13	50	15 00				15 00
1	600 00	40 00	350 00	1	25	4	19	150	10 00	20 00			30 00
1	800 00		78 00	2	25	18	18	130	45 00	20 00	2 00		67 00
1	400 00		29 70			2	7	115	11 00				11 00
1	400 00		199 35	1	37	3	13	112	30 15				30 15
1	2000 00		75 00	1	20	1	17	100	98 76				98 76
1	300 00	50 00	385 10			2	14	62	16 60	6 35		28 90	51 85
15	\$ 14375 00	\$ 540 00	\$ 2686 60	9	238	34	225	\$ 1786	\$ 479 67	\$ 145 53	\$ 13 00	\$ 55 40	\$ 693 60

REPORT—TEXAS CONFERENCE, 1896.

No. Par-sonages	Value of Par-sonages	Value of Other Ch Property	Money Expended on Ch'ches and Par-sonages	No. Epw. Leagues	Ep League Members	No. of S. Schools	No. Offic's & Teachrs	No. of Scholars	Am't Col-lected for Sunday Schools	Am't Col-lected for Missions	Am't Col'd on Chil-drens Day	Am't Col'd for Other Objects	Total Amount Raised
12	\$ 10284 00	\$ 34800 00	\$ 3869 40	23	842	43	384	3023	\$ 1714 30	\$ 406 35	\$ 70 25	\$ 695 98	\$ 2886 88
14	17975 00	945 00	2702 45	18	570	32	307	2597	1002 49	144 14	34 05	62 60	1243 28
15	17000 00	7110 00	2480 00	12	523	42	290	2282	568 82	67 65	5 50	81 34	723 31
14	11260 00	150 00	2436 10	10	389	37	271	1983	612 15	98 78	13 00	133 80	857 73
15	14375 00	540 00	2686 60	9	298	30	206	1636	479 67	145 53	13 00	55 40	693 60
70	\$ 70894 00	\$ 13545 00	\$ 14174 55	72	2532	184	1458	11411	\$ 4377 43	\$ 862 45	\$ 135 80	\$ 1029 12	\$ 6404 80
69	\$ 66252 75	\$ 77016 25	\$ 18673 95	61	2102	182	1438	11313	\$ 4620 36	\$ 1104 55	\$ 150 01	\$ 692 72	\$ 6574 69
1	\$ 4641 25			11	430	2	20	98				\$ 336 40	
		\$ 33471 25	\$ 4489 40						\$ 252 93	\$ 262 10	\$ 14 21		\$ 169 89

STATISTICAL AND FINANCIAL REPORTS—

NAME OF CHARGE	PRESIDING ELDER		PREACHER IN CHARGE		BISHOPS		CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS		FOREIGN MISSIONS	
	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	As'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid
Shearn.....	\$ 465 00	\$ 165 00	\$2500 00	\$2500 00	\$58 00	\$58 00	\$ 200 00	\$ 200 00	\$ 280 00	\$ 280 00
Washington St.....	130 00	130 00	850 00	850 00	14 00	14 00	68 00	68 00	70 00	70 00
McKee St.....	135 00	135 00	850 00	850 00	14 00	14 00	68 00	68 00	66 00	66 00
Tabernacle.....	115 00	115 00	900 00	900 00	9 00	9 00	72 00	72 00	46 00	46 00
City Mission.....	40 00	40 00	230 00	230 00	6 00	6 00	18 40	18 40	30 00	30 00
St. John's.....	250 00	209 00	1500 00	1375 00	36 00	34 00	96 00	46 00	172 00	60 00
St. James'.....	150 00	150 00	900 00	900 00	18 00	18 00	72 00	62 00	85 00	50 00
West End.....	96 00	96 00	600 00	600 00	7 00	7 00	48 00	48 00	35 00	35 00
Bolivar.....	50 00	25 00	300 00	230 00	5 00	5 00	24 00	18 00	26 00	10 00
Velasco.....	65 00	49 55	500 00	396 05	8 00	3 75	40 00	31 65	36 00	25 00
Columbia & Brazoria.....	125 00	125 00	700 00	700 00	14 00	14 00	56 00	56 00	67 00	67 00
Patterson.....	90 00	90 00	530 00	530 00	11 00	11 00	42 40	42 40	55 00	55 00
Dickinson.....	60 00	47 75	350 00	223 68	6 00	6 00	20 00	20 00	25 00	25 00
Angleton.....	65 00	56 00	405 00	348 00	8 00	6 00	32 00	25 00	36 00	25 00
Richmond.....	130 00	130 00	800 00	800 00	10 00	10 00	64 00	64 00	50 00	100 00
Alvin and Hitchcock.....	88 00	61 00	700 00	486 59	10 00	10 00	56 00	56 00	50 00	50 00
Rosenberg Mission.....	36 00	30 00	204 00	170 40	3 00	3 00	16 35	13 60	16 00	16 00
Matagorda.....	90 00	81 00	600 00	545 00	13 00	13 00	48 00	40 00	65 00	33 00
Wharton & Hungerford.....	100 00	99 00	550 00	535 00	9 00	8 00	44 00	43 00	45 00	31 00
Cedar Bayou.....	90 00	83 45	530 00	495 95	14 00	14 00	42 80	44 42	55 00	60 50
TOTAL.....	\$2370 00	\$2217 75	14504 00	13665 67	273 00	263 75	\$1127 95	\$1036 47	\$1310 00	\$1134 50

STATISTICAL AND FINANCIAL REPORTS—

Tenth Street.....	\$ 398 00	\$ 398 00	\$2000 00	\$2000 00	\$.....	\$48 00	\$ 160 00	\$ 160 00	\$.....	\$ 160 00
Twenty-fourth Street....	89 00	89 00	600 00	600 00	12 50	12 50	48 00	48 00	57 00	57 00
First Street.....	67 25	56 60	450 00	382 50	9 00	5 00	36 00	18 00	42 25	20 00
Merrilltown.....	63 00	35 95	422 00	241 70	9 00	4 00	33 76	19 50	42 25	42 25
Manchaca.....	72 00	62 30	488 00	417 50	10 00	5 00	38 00	33 40	47 50	35 00
Webberville.....	90 00	83 35	600 00	556 70	13 00	13 00	48 00	48 00	63 00	63 00
Manor.....	89 00	89 00	600 00	600 00	13 00	13 00	48 00	48 00	63 00	63 00
Elgin.....	65 00	61 85	500 00	413 55	10 00	10 00	40 00	15 00	47 50	25 00
McDade.....	55 00	52 60	370 00	344 93	9 00	5 50	29 60	27 60	42 25	33 76
Bastrop.....	134 00	134 00	900 00	900 00	20 00	20 00	72 00	72 00	90 00	60 00
Smithville.....	74 00	57 35	500 00	402 96	11 25	5 00	40 00	10 00	32 50	10 00
Cedar Creek.....	40 00	38 55	300 00	259 50	6 50	6 50	24 00	24 00	31 50	31 50
Winchester.....	82 00	69 00	552 00	468 50	11 25	11 25	44 00	44 00	52 50	54 00
La Grange.....	149 00	134 00	1000 00	900 00	15 00	15 50	72 00	72 00	74 00	74 00
Columbus.....	104 00	104 00	700 00	700 00	13 00	13 00	56 00	56 00	63 00	63 00
Weimar and Osage.....	96 00	94 15	644 50	628 50	14 00	14 00	50 50	50 50	68 50	68 50
Flatonia.....	112 00	112 00	750 00	750 00	20 00	20 00	60 00	60 00	95 00	95 00
Eagle Lake.....	67 00	49 25	450 00	329 35	9 00	9 00	36 00	26 40	42 25	15 00
TOTAL.....	\$1846 25	\$1720 95	11826 50	10895 69	205 50	230 25	\$ 935 86	\$ 832 40	\$ 954 00	\$ 970 01

STATISTICAL AND FINANCIAL REPORTS—

Brenham.....	\$ 190 00	\$ 190 00	\$1200 00	\$1200 00	\$31 00	\$31 00	\$ 72 00	\$ 72 00	\$ 145 88	\$ 145 88
Chappell Hill.....	130 00	130 00	800 00	596 60	21 00	15 00	64 00	48 00	97 88	50 00
Giddings.....	70 00	70 00	500 00	500 00	16 00	16 00	40 00	40 00	49 88	46 00
Caldwell.....	70 00	58 65	600 00	503 00	13 34	10 00	48 00	40 00	57 22	57 22
Lyons.....	63 00	63 00	450 00	450 00	12 00	10 00	36 00	25 00	56 00	30 00
Deanville.....	25 50	14 10	200 00	114 45	5 00	2 50	16 00	8 00	24 00	12 00
Cameron.....	160 00	160 00	1000 00	1000 00	23 50	23 50	80 00	80 00	109 88	110 00
Cameron Ct.....	50 00	38 80	500 00	388 10	10 15	5 00	40 00	5 00	46 88	20 00
Davilla.....	60 00	52 10	435 00	377 60	11 00	11 00	34 80	32 27	49 88	45 64
Maysfield.....	50 00	40 45	500 00	404 55	8 34	8 34	40 00	32 32	33 22	33 22
Ben Arnold.....	20 00	10 00	200 00	134 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Milano.....	100 00	72 50	600 00	470 70	11 00	11 00	48 00	30 00	49 88	30 00
Rockdale.....	90 00	80 00	800 00	750 00	17 25	15 00	64 00	60 00	79 88	50 00
Pleasant Hill.....	60 00	32 35	400 00	323 90	10 00	8 00	25 85	25 85	45 08	31 20
Lexington.....	50 00	50 00	400 00	400 00	8 00	.....	32 00	.....	47 88	21 50
Sealy.....	113 75	100 35	700 00	617 20	15 00	10 00	56 00	49 00	70 88	25 00
Bellville.....	50 00	49 70	475 00	472 35	10 34	10 00	38 00	35 00	43 22	25 00
Oakdale.....	20 00	10 20	80 00	40 80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
TOTAL.....	\$1371 75	\$1222 20	\$9840 00	\$8743 75	222 92	186 34	\$ 734 65	\$ 582 44	\$1006 64	\$ 732 66

HOUSTON DISTRICT, 1896.

DOMESTIC MISSIONS		CHURCH EXTENTION		EDUCATION		AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY	EXP. DEL. GEN. CONF.		P & L Inst.	Orphanage	OTHER OBJECTS	TOTAL FROM ALL SOURCES
Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Paid	Paid		
\$ 210 00	\$ 210 00	\$ 91 00	\$ 91 00	\$ 88 00	\$ 88 00	\$ 10 00	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$2773 38	\$ 8675 18
52 00	52 00	23 00	23 00	22 00	22 00	1 50	8 40	8 40	.....	7 00	562 75	1708 75
46 00	46 00	21 00	21 00	20 00	20 00	2 55	7 90	7 90	3 00	.....	52 75	1485 90
36 00	36 00	16 00	16 00	12 00	12 00	3 50	4 50	4 50	2 00	6 40	1066 02	2390 42
25 00	25 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	7 25	3 60	3 60	2 00	3 50	52 25	582 60
132 00	50 00	56 00	10 00	48 00	9 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 50	453 41	2254 11
67 00	30 00	28 00	10 00	28 00	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00	323 50	1556 93
26 00	26 00	11 00	11 00	10 00	10 00	.....	4 20	4 20	2 00	5 50	313 23	1156 93
18 00	17 50	9 00	3 65	8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	80 25	391 40
27 00	12 85	12 00	2 40	10 00	2 00	.....	4 30	1 25	.....	14 10	178 61	717 21
51 00	51 00	19 00	19 00	18 00	18 00	2 00	8 00	8 00	2 00	7 00	684 47	1755 47
42 00	42 00	18 00	18 00	19 00	19 00	5 00	6 60	6 60	.....	6 50	50 00	875 50
19 00	19 00	10 00	7 00	9 00	5 00	.....	3 00	3 00	1 00	3 00	50 00	421 09
27 00	20 00	12 00	8 00	12 00	7 00	.....	4 30	2 50	1 00	3 00	266 85	768 35
37 00	37 00	16 00	16 00	15 00	15 00	5 00	6 00	6 00	2 00	5 50	336 25	1524 75
40 00	40 00	15 00	15 00	13 00	13 00	.....	5 00	5 00	.....	5 00	1 00	742 59
12 00	12 00	6 00	6 00	5 00	5 00	.....	1 90	1 90	2 00	3 60	13 00	276 50
49 00	17 00	21 00	12 00	19 00	.....	.....	7 80	.....	.....	9 00	859 95	1609 95
34 00	24 00	14 00	6 00	14 00	6 50	.....	5 00	4 00	.....	5 00	107 30	868 80
42 00	46 20	19 00	19 00	18 00	18 00	.....	6 60	6 60	2 00	6 60	1108 51	1905 23
\$ 992 00	\$ 813 55	\$ 427 00	\$ 324 05	\$ 398 00	\$ 372 70	\$ 36 80	\$ 87 10	\$ 73 45	\$19 00	109 25	\$9312 48	\$ 31716 53

AUSTIN DISTRICT, 1896.

\$.....	\$ 130 00	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$ 15 30	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$ 9 30	\$ 568 00	\$ 3488 60
43 00	43 00	18 00	18 00	19 00	19 00	1 00	7 00	7 00	.....	.....	332 40	1226 90
31 50	16 00	14 00	6 00	14 00	5 00	3 50	.....	.....	.....	5 50	216 00	734 10
31 50	31 50	14 00	5 25	14 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	1 00	5 05	50 00	435 70
35 50	24 50	15 50	7 75	15 75	7 75	2 00	5 75	2 50	1 50	6 05	68 80	674 15
47 00	47 00	20 00	20 00	20 00	20 00	6 00	7 50	7 50	3 00	15 50	187 00	1520 05
47 00	47 00	20 00	20 00	20 00	20 00	6 00	7 50	7 50	3 00	5 50	441 10	1363 10
35 50	25 00	15 50	5 00	15 75	5 00	.....	2 25	2 35	.....	3 00	82 00	647 85
35 50	23 72	14 00	8 00	14 00	7 00	1 85	5 00	2 50	1 00	9 00	377 40	894 86
70 00	35 00	25 00	15 00	30 00	15 00	10 40	5 00	5 00	.....	10 50	114 50	1391 40
39 50	5 00	17 25	3 50	17 50	.....	.....	6 25	.....	.....	5 00	397 00	895 81
24 00	24 00	10 00	10 00	10 50	10 50	3 00	.....	.....	1 50	3 50	20 00	432 55
39 50	40 00	17 25	17 25	17 50	17 50	3 00	6 25	6 25	2 50	6 00	59 10	798 35
56 00	56 00	24 00	19 00	24 00	19 00	.....	4 50	4 50	3 00	8 00	.....	1578 12
47 00	47 00	20 00	8 00	20 00	8 00	5 35	7 50	.....	3 00	6 00	210 00	1223 35
51 50	51 50	22 50	22 50	22 50	22 50	6 00	8 00	8 00	.....	.....	140 20	1083 85
71 50	71 50	31 00	31 00	31 00	31 00	7 50	11 50	11 50	.....	10 00	260 38	1459 88
31 50	15 00	14 00	5 10	14 00	7 85	.....	5 00	.....	.....	5 00	284 95	746 90
\$ 737 00	\$ 732 72	\$ 312 00	\$ 221 35	\$ 319 50	\$ 214 90	\$ 70 90	\$ 94 00	\$ 64 50	\$19 50	112 80	\$3808 83	\$ 20595 52

BRENHAM DISTRICT, 1896.

\$ 103 81	\$ 103 81	\$ 59 00	\$ 59 00	\$ 49 32	\$ 49 32	\$ 12 00	\$ 10 00	\$ 10 00	\$ 7 20	\$ 8 00	\$ 270 87	\$ 2151 08
71 81	34 50	39 00	21 00	32 88	17 00	6 00	8 00	4 00	.....	.....	247 60	1171 20
39 81	35 00	19 00	16 35	18 94	15 00	2 00	.....	.....	3 60	8 00	81 50	833 45
47 48	27 40	24 00	5 00	21 66	5 00	.....	7 00	.....	.....	5 67	90 50	802 44
47 00	25 00	22 00	6 00	22 00	6 00	.....	.....	2 00	.....	4 00	20 00	641 00
16 50	8 25	10 00	5 00	10 50	5 25	1 00	8 00	4 00	75	6 00	41 35	222 65
79 81	80 00	44 00	14 00	37 00	37 00	.....	8 00	8 00	5 40	8 00	252 50	1808 40
37 00	10 00	17 50	5 00	15 00	2 50	.....	8 00	.....	.....	5 00	29 60	509 00
39 81	36 31	19 00	16 65	16 44	14 00	3 00	8 00	8 00	.....	8 00	260 25	864 82
31 48	31 48	14 00	14 00	11 44	11 44	.....	.....	.....	1 40	5 70	64 17	647 07
.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	149 50
39 81	20 00	19 00	19 00	16 44	7 55	.....	8 00	5 00	.....	.....	535 50	1200 75
59 81	40 00	31 50	31 50	33 11	20 00	.....	8 00	8 00	.....	.....	415 55	1420 05
30 11	16 00	17 00	8 00	17 30	5 00	.....	8 00	2 00	1 00	5 00	158 14	616 44
31 81	15 50	14 00	7 00	12 33	6 00	.....	8 00	.....	1 00	8 00	17 63	526 63
53 00	15 00	27 00	11 00	23 62	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 35	500 00	1346 90
38 89	25 00	18 00	5 00	14 72	5 00	3 65	7 00	7 00	.....	7 00	349 70	994 40
10 00	6 45	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	57 45
\$ 778 14	\$ 534 70	\$ 394 00	\$ 273 50	\$ 348 30	\$ 216 06	\$ 27 65	\$ 96 00	\$ 58 00	\$20 35	\$89 72	\$3293 76	\$ 15813 23

STATISTICAL AND FINANCIAL REPORTS—

NAME OF CHARGE.	PRESIDING ELDER		PREACHER IN CHARGE.		BISHOPS		CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS		FOREIGN MISSIONS	
	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid
Calvert.....	\$ 186 50	\$ 186 50	\$1200 00	\$1200 00	\$24 50	\$24 50	\$ 96 00	\$ 96 00	\$ 134 00	\$ 134 00
Marlin.....	165 00	165 00	1000 00	1000 00	20 60	20 60	80 00	80 00	112 20	112 20
Bremond and Reagan....	93 00	93 00	700 00	700 00	12 25	12 25	56 00	56 00	67 50	67 50
Kosse.....	77 00	55 00	500 00	425 00	10 00	8 00	30 00	25 00	56 00	20 00
Alto.....	54 25	31 90	420 75	247 85	7 05	7 05	19 80	19 80	39 00	39 00
Bald Prairie.....	36 00	16 30	230 00	130 05	4 20	2 00	10 40	10 40	22 50	10 00
Hearne and Mumford...	85 25	65 00	650 00	550 00	11 35	8 00	52 00	45 00	61 70	40 00
Franklin.....	102 50	91 00	670 00	600 00	12 90	12 90	48 00	48 00	70 00	70 00
Wheelock.....	54 25	40 00	500 00	164 60	7 05	.....	40 00	.....	39 00	10 00
Mt. Vernon.....	58 00	52 00	380 00	294 70	7 95	4 00	23 76	15 20	42 60	12 60
Jewett.....	46 50	35 00	308 50	263 80	6 15	5 00	24 00	21 00	33 65	28 00
Oakwood and Buffalo....	62 00	28 65	600 00	279 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fairfield.....	77 60	56 80	600 00	439 20	10 40	8 00	48 00	35 00	56 10	56 10
Centreville.....	77 60	65 00	600 00	497 28	10 00	8 00	48 00	38 00	56 10	39 00
Personville.....	31 00	11 35	200 00	75 35	4 30	1 00	16 00	1 00	22 20	3 00
Rose Bud.....	55 00	28 35	505 00	289 32	7 05	7 05	40 00	40 00	39 25	39 25
Roger's Prairie.....	46 50	30 50	300 00	197 15	6 15	3 00	24 00	12 00	33 65	10 00
Chilton and Lot.....	46 50	38 65	315 00	268 60	6 15	6 15	25 20	20 00	33 65	33 65
Durango.....	50 38	40 93	403 00	286 57	6 75	6 75	32 24	22 92	36 45	36 45
Total.....	\$1104 83	\$1130 93	10082 25	\$7908 57	174 80	144 25	\$ 713 40	\$ 585 32	\$ 955 55	\$ 790 75

STATISTICAL AND FINANCIAL REPORTS—

Huntsville.....	\$ 225 00	\$ 225 00	\$1200 00	\$1200 00	\$25 00	\$25 00	\$ 96 00	\$ 96 00	\$ 185 00	\$ 185 00
Prairie Plains.....	50 00	32 35	235 00	216 10	2 50	2 00	17 00	17 00	35 00	22 50
Zion.....	30 00	21 95	300 00	210 95	2 50	1 10	24 00	13 70	30 00	14 00
Navasota.....	110 00	110 00	1000 00	1000 00	12 50	12 50	80 00	80 00	75 00	75 00
Anderson.....	75 00	64 65	500 00	433 54	10 00	5 00	40 00	34 65	60 00	30 00
Madisonville.....	60 00	49 25	505 00	424 00	5 00	2 00	40 40	12 00	60 00	25 00
Willis.....	65 00	65 00	500 00	515 00	10 00	10 00	40 00	40 00	60 00	60 00
Montgomery & Conroe...	75 00	65 90	550 00	483 60	12 50	7 50	44 00	38 50	75 00	43 00
Cold Springs.....	75 00	50 00	400 00	240 00	7 50	5 00	32 00	20 00	50 00	20 00
Stoneham & Plantr'sv'le	60 00	50 00	305 00	268 50	10 00	10 00	24 40	10 00	50 00	50 00
Hempstead & Courtney.	75 00	57 35	575 00	440 10	12 00	10 00	35 20	30 00	60 00	45 00
Hockley.....	56 00	38 50	400 00	236 50	7 50	4 00	32 00	19 00	25 00	15 00
Milican.....	60 00	39 45	485 00	321 15	10 00	10 00	38 80	25 00	50 00	33 00
Bryan.....	125 00	125 00	1000 00	1000 00	20 00	20 00	80 00	80 00	95 00	75 00
Dodge.....	35 00	21 80	330 00	244 20	5 00	5 00	26 40	26 40	20 00	20 00
Cleveland & Westfield...	25 00	2 90	190 00	70 80	2 00	2 00	15 20	5 65	15 00	15 00
Total.....	\$1201 00	\$1020 30	\$8475 00	\$7303 84	144 00	121 10	\$ 665 40	\$ 547 70	\$ 945 00	\$ 727 50

RECAPITULATION STATISTICAL AND FINANCIAL—

NAME OF DISTRICT.	PRESIDING ELDER		PREACHER IN CHARGE		BISHOPS		CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS		FOREIGN MISSIONS	
	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid
Houston.....	\$2370 00	\$2217 75	14509 00	13665 67	\$ 273 00	263 75	\$1127 95	\$1036 47	\$1310 00	\$1134 50
Austin.....	1846 25	1720 95	11826 50	10895 69	205 50	230 25	935 86	832 40	954 00	970 01
Brenham.....	1371 75	1222 20	9840 00	8743 75	222 92	186 34	734 65	582 44	1006 64	732 66
Calvert.....	1404 83	1130 93	10082 25	7908 57	174 80	144 25	713 40	585 32	955 55	790 75
Huntsville.....	1201 00	1020 30	8475 00	7303 84	144 00	121 10	665 40	547 70	945 00	727 50
Total.....	\$8193 83	\$7312 13	54732 75	48517 52	\$1020 22	945 69	\$4177 26	\$3584 33	\$4171 19	\$4355 12
Total last year.....	\$7893 55	6925 42	53640 70	47222 66	\$1084 18	992 43	\$4216 89	\$3636 94	\$5513 45	\$4734 15
Increase.....	\$ 300 28	\$ 386 51	\$1092 05	\$1284 86	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Decrease.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$ 63 96	\$46 74	\$ 39 63	\$ 52 61	\$1342 26	\$ 378 73

CALVERT DISRICT, 1896.

DOMESTIC MISSIONS		CHURCH EXTENSION		EDUCATION		AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY	EXP. DEL. GEN. CONF.		P & L Inst.	Orphanage.	OTHER OBJECTS	TOTAL FROM ALL SOURCES
Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Paid	Paid		
\$ 91 05	\$ 91 05	\$ 45 30	\$ 45 30	\$ 30 15	\$ 30 15	\$.....	\$ 16 25	\$ 16 25	\$ 6 05	\$14 90	\$ 780 05	\$ 2624 75
78 30	78 30	36 45	36 45	25 25	25 25	.....	13 60	13 60	5 05	.....	492 15	2041 60
47 75	47 75	21 85	21 85	15 15	15 15	3 00	8 20	8 20	3 05	7 40	324 60	1356 75
35 00	32 00	14 00	5 00	12 00	5 00	.....	6 00	2 00	.....	10 00	96 00	677 00
18 72	18 72	12 75	7 00	9 85	2 00	4 00	.....	.....	.....	2 75	85 75	466 02
15 10	7 50	7 20	3 60	5 00	.....	.....	2 50	1 05	.....	2 45	142 25	325 60
41 95	42 95	20 15	20 15	13 90	8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	66 30	843 40
65 00	65 00	22 85	20 00	15 75	10 00	2 00	8 50	4 25	3 00	7 10	80 00	1013 25
18 72	10 00	12 75	.....	8 70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	224 60
28 95	28 95	13 85	10 00	9 60	3 00	1 00	5 30	2 00	.....	3 80	506 00	763 25
23 75	20 00	10 95	4 00	8 60	.....	2 50	4 05	2 00	.....	7 10	33 55	421 95
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	307 75
38 15	38 15	18 25	9 00	12 65	5 00	1 00	6 90	1 00	1 00	6 20	146 30	802 75
38 15	28 00	18 25	8 00	12 65	5 00	2 00	6 80	2 00	2 55	8 70	108 15	809 98
15 10	3 00	7 20	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	79 00	175 70
26 60	26 60	12 75	12 75	8 85	3 85	2 00	.....	.....	1 80	4 75	410 65	866 37
22 85	8 00	10 95	2 50	7 60	2 00	3 00	4 15	1 50	.....	5 00	40 00	314 65
23 28	23 28	10 95	10 95	7 60	5 00	1 00	4 05	2 00	1 55	10 00	261 70	681 53
24 79	24 79	4 51	4 00	725 25	1247 66
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